

Kisses, Sighs, and Cherry Blossom Pink

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*Kisses, Sighs, and
Cherry Blossom Pink.*

Haha!

I HOPE
WE BOTH
MAKE IT!
WHAT TIME
SHOULD
WE GO
CHECK?

HELLO,
HITOMI?
HEY, IT'S
NANA!

THEY'RE
POSTING THE
ENTRANCE EXAM
RESULTS FOR
SAKURAKAI GIRLS'
HIGH SCHOOL
TOMORROW!
I'M NERVOUS
ALREADY...

Ahaha...

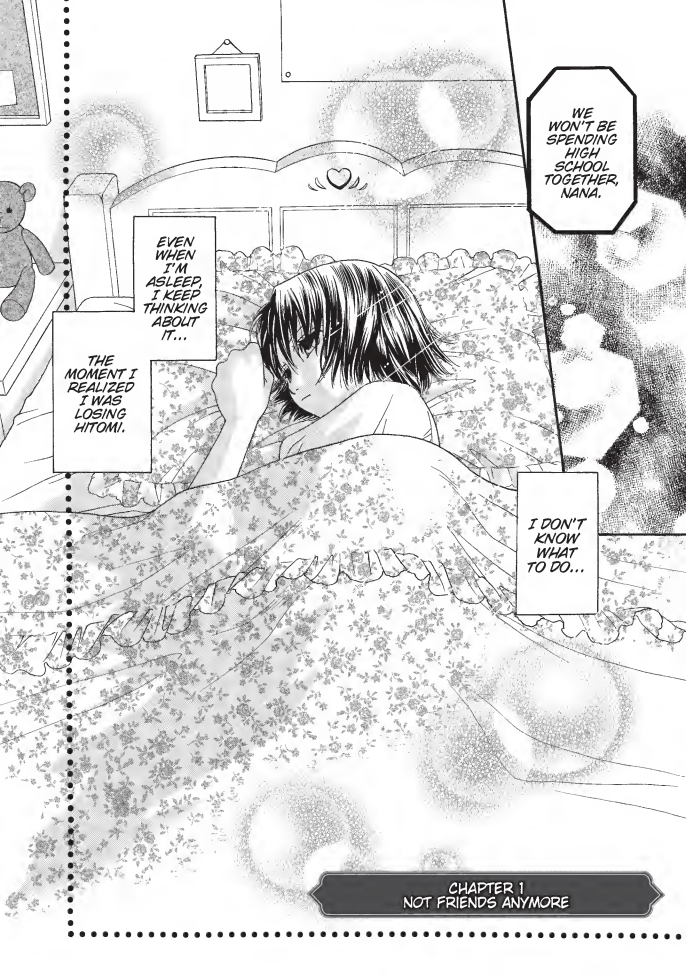
WE MIGHT
END UP IN
DIFFERENT
CLASSES,
BUT AT
LEAST WE'LL
BE IN THE
SAME
SCHOOL...

WHAT?

I FOUND
OUT TODAY
THAT I
GOT INTO
TOUHOH
HIGH. IT'S
A REALLY
GOOD
SCHOOL,
SO...

I'M NOT
GOING TO
SAKURAKAI,
WHETHER
I GET IN
OR NOT.

I'M
SORRY,
NANA.



WE
WON'T BE
SPENDING
HIGH
SCHOOL
TOGETHER,
NANA.

EVEN
WHEN
I'M
ASLEEP,
I KEEP
THINKING
ABOUT
IT...

THE
MOMENT I
REALIZED
I WAS
LOSING
HITOMI.

I DON'T
KNOW
WHAT
TO DO...

CHAPTER 1
NOT FRIENDS ANYMORE

IT'S
BEEN TWO
MONTHS
SINCE WE
STARTED
HIGH
SCHOOL....

BUT I
HAVEN'T
CALLED OR
TEXTED
HER OR
ANY-
THING.



NANA,
HURRY UP!
YOU'LL BE
LATE FOR
SCHOOL!

I'M
ALMOST
READY!



CLUNK

HITOMI
AND I
WENT TO
THE SAME
ELEMEN-
TARY AND
JUNIOR HIGH
SCHOOLS.

WE
WERE
BEST
FRIENDS.

“HUH?!”

“YOUR
POPUL-
LARITY IS
ON THE
RISE...”

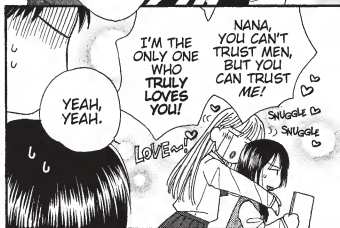
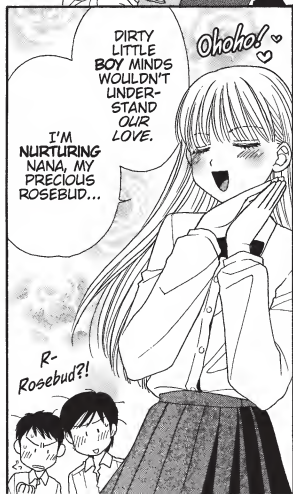
BE
READY
FOR EXTRA
ATTENTION
FROM
THE BOYS
IN YOUR
CLASS!”

“DON'T BE
SURPRISED
IF ONE
OF THEM
ASKS ABOUT
YOUR PLANS
FOR HIGH
SCHOOL...”

SHAKE
SHAKE

LET'S
SEE...
WHAT'S IN
STORE FOR
PISCES THIS
MONTH?





Poor
you...

SIGH

NANA,
YOU'LL
NEVER
GET A
BOYFRIEND
WITH HER
AROUND.

THAT
GIRL IS
PRETTY,
BUT
NUTS.

AND UNTIL
THEN, I'LL TORCH
ALL THE PESTS
THAT TRY TO
TOUCH HER!!

Torch
them
with my
burning
passion!!

I
KNOW.
I'VE
GIVEN UP
ALREADY.

I'LL
SHOWER
HER WITH
MY LOVE
UNTIL THE
DAY SHE
BLOS-
SOMS...



THOUGH
I ACTED
SAD...

BUT SHE
ONLY HUNG
OUT WITH
ME.

LOTS
OF BOYS
LIKED
HER...

HITOMI
WAS TALL,
CUTE, AND
SMART.

I WAS
ACTUALLY
KINDA
HAPPY.





EVERY-
ONE'S
NICE, BUT
I STILL
FEEL LIKE
AN OUT-
SIDER.

ALMOST
EVERYONE
HERE ALSO
WENT TO
SAKIRAKAI'S
JUNIOR
HIGH
SCHOOL,
SO...

A LOT
OF THEM
HAVE
BEEN
FRIENDS
FOR
YEARS.



IT WAS
HITOMI'S
IDEA TO
COME HERE
IN THE
FIRST
PLACE!

YOU'D
LOOK GREAT
IN IT! COME
ON! I'LL TAKE
THE ENTRANCE
EXAM TOO!

THAT
SCHOOL
UNIFORM IS
SOOOO CUTE!
NANA, YOU
SHOULD GO
THERE!

Agreed!

Sailor
style!!

Um, I'll
ask my
parents...

IRK



COME TO
THINK
OF IT...

I
REALLY
WISH
HITOMI
WAS
HERE
WITH
ME.

Hey!



WELL, JUST
DO "THE TEST"
TO SEE HOW
YOU REALLY
FEEL ABOUT
HIM.

HUH?
"THE
TEST?"

WE
JUST MET!
WHAT IF
WE HAVE
NOTHING IN
COMMON?

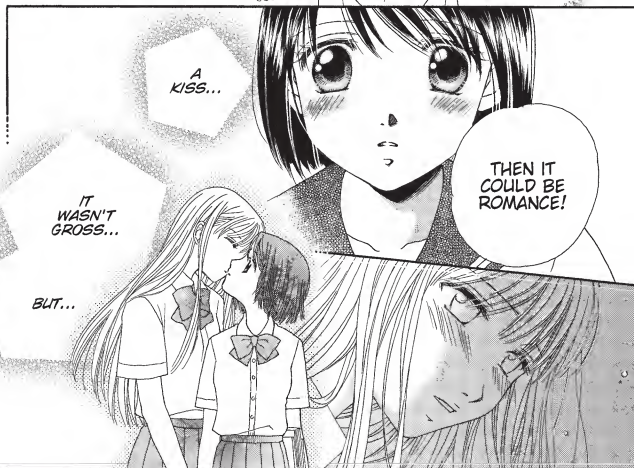
BUT
I DON'T
KNOW IF I
WANT TO
GO OUT
WITH HIM
OR NOT...

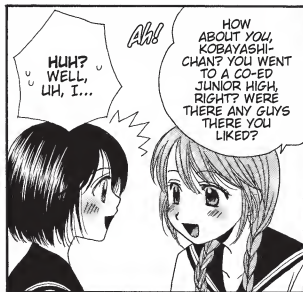
SHE
PASSED THE
EXAM, BUT
THEN DIDN'T
ENROLL! SHE
TOTALLY
TRICKED
ME!

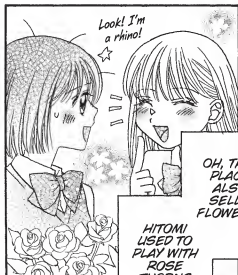
Idiot!!

What?!





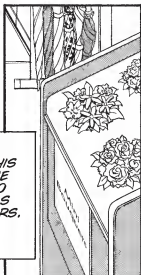




Look! I'm
a rhino!

OH, THIS
PLACE
ALSO
SELLS
FLOWERS.

HITOMI
USED TO
PLAY WITH
ROSE
THORNS
IN THE
SCHOOL-
YARD.

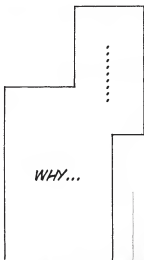


It's
spicy...
but it's
so
good!

CHUCKLE

I
BET
SHE'D
LIKE
IT...

THEY'RE
HITOMI'S
FAVORITE!
I WONDER
IF SHE'S
TRIED THIS
FLAVOR...



WHY...



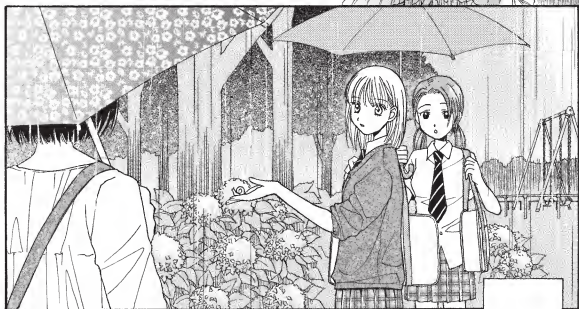


WHY
DOES
EVERY-
THING
REMINDE
ME OF
HER?

SHAAA

WHY
THINK
ABOUT
HER AT
ALL?

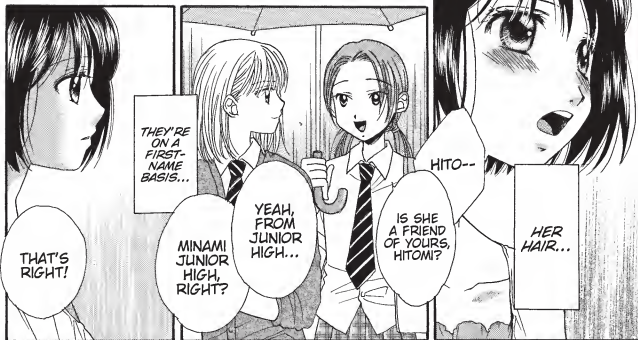
WE
MIGHT
NEVER
SEE
EACH
OTHER
AGAIN...

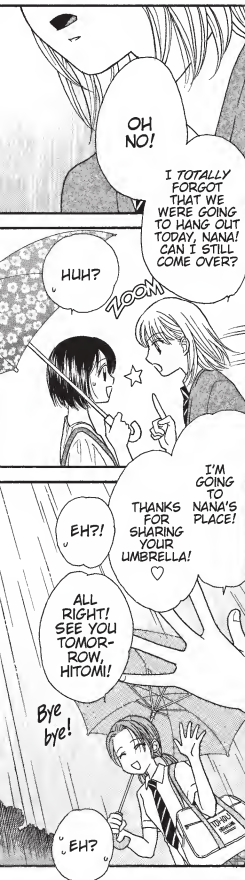


NO.

HEY!
IT'S BEEN
AWHILE.

WAY.





OH NO!

I TOTALLY FORGOT THAT WE WERE GOING TO HANG OUT TODAY, NANA! CAN I STILL COME OVER?

HUH?

ZOOM

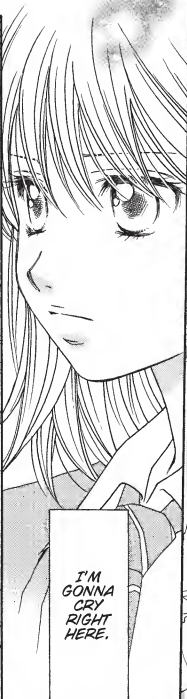
I'M GOING TO NANA'S PLACE!
THANKS FOR SHARING YOUR UMBRELLA!
♡

EH?!

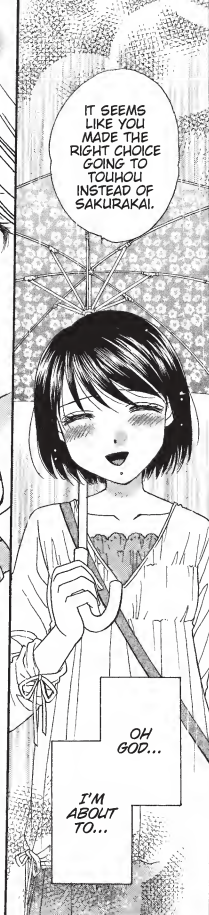
ALL RIGHT! SEE YOU TOMORROW, HITOMI!

Bye bye!

EH?



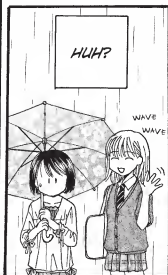
I'M GONNA CRY RIGHT HERE.

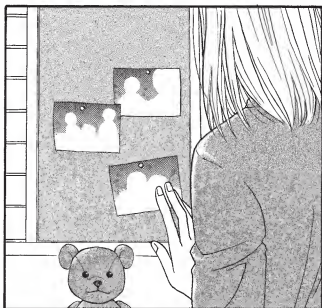


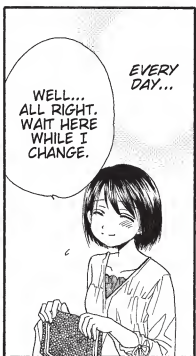
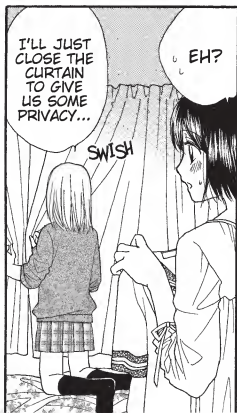
IT SEEMS LIKE YOU MADE THE RIGHT CHOICE GOING TO TOLUHOI INSTEAD OF SAKURAKAI.

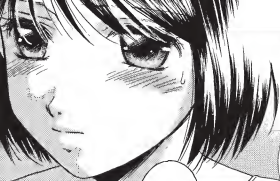
OH GOD...

I'M ABOUT TO...









OKAY.

O...

GO
ON.

THERE!

CREAK

IT
SHOULDN'T
BOTHER
ME.

I MEAN,
WHEN
WE WERE
YOUNGER,
HITOMI AND I
WOULD EVEN
TAKE BATHS
TOGETHER.

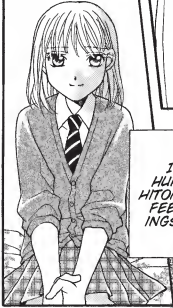
SO
THIS
ISN'T
A BIG
DEAL.



AT
LEAST,
THAT'S
WHAT I
TOLD
MYSELF...

BUT I
KNEW
BET-
TER...

THIS IS
NOTHING.
IT MEANS
NOTHING.



I'M
GLAD I
GOT TO
SEE IT.

IT
LOOKS
SO CUTE
ON YOU.

TUG

BUT BY
IGNOR-
ING THE
SIGNS...

I
HURT
HITOMI'S
FEEL-
INGS...



I JUST
ACTED
LIKE I
DIDN'T
NOTICE.

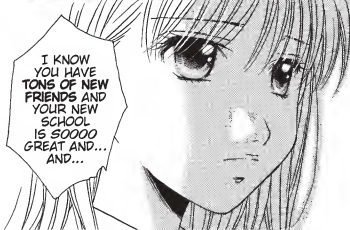


BUT IT
WASN'T
HER
FAULT.
IT WAS
MINE.



DON'T SAY
THAT. THIS
IS ALL YOUR
FAULT, YOU
KNOW.

DON'T...



I KNOW
YOU HAVE
TONS OF NEW
FRIENDS AND
YOUR NEW
SCHOOL
IS SOOOO
GREAT AND...
AND...

NO,
I'M
THE
BAD
FRIEND,
NOT
HER...

BUT
YOU CHOSE
ANOTHER
SCHOOL WITH-
OUT EVEN
SAYING ANY-
THING...

YOU
SHOULD'VE
GONE TO
SAKURAKAI
WITH ME!



I'M
SORRY,
NANA.



AND
WANTED
TO STAY
FRIENDS...
BUT...

I
WANTED
TO GO TO
THE SAME
SCHOOL
AS YOU,
TOO...



NANA,
YOU
KNOW
HOW I
FEEL
ABOUT
YOU...

I
KNEW
...

THE
MOMENT
IT HAP-
PENED,
I KNEW.



DON'T
MAKE
ME SAY
THIS...

AND
I KNOW
YOU'RE FINE
WITHOUT
ME...!



I KNEW
EXACTLY
WHAT
IT ALL
MEANT.

HER
TREMB-
LING
FINGERS.

HER
MISTY
EYES.

WITH
JOKES AND
LAUGHTER...

SHE TRIED
TO HIDE
HER TRUE
FEELINGS...

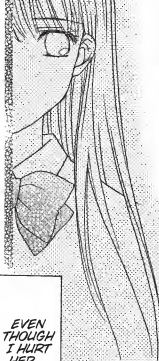


AH...

GOSH,
HITOMI!!
YOU'RE SO
TOUCHY-
FEELY...

BUT...

I KNEW THE
TRUTH, AND IT
SCARED ME.



I'M SO
SORRY!

WE
SHOULD
HURRY!
EVERY-
ONE'S
WAITING
FOR US.

DASH

EVEN
THOUGH
I HURT
HER...

HITOMI
KEPT
BEING MY
FRIEND.



IS IT
TOO
LATE?

I
KNOW
WHAT
I WAS
AFRAID
OF.

I...

I
KNOW
NOW.

NANA...?

DO
YOU...
DO YOU
STILL LIKE
ME?



BUT I
STILL THINK
ABOUT YOU
EVERY DAY!

WITH
NEW
FRIENDS,
A NEW
SCHOOL,
A NEW
HAIR-
CUT...

HITOMI,
I KNOW
YOU HAVE
A WHOLE
NEW
LIFE...

I WAS
SCARED
THAT IF
THINGS
CHANGED
BETWEEN
US...

THAT
I WOULD
END UP
LOSING
HER.

I HATE
IT! I
HATE
THAT I
HARDLY
EVER SEE
YOU!

AND--



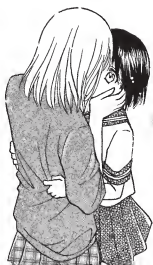
I
WANT
TO DO
EVEN
MORE
THAN
THAT.

I WANT
TO KISS
YOU...
AND...

I
WANT
IT SO
BAD,
NANA

DO
YOU
STILL
HATE
IT?

EVEN
IF I DO
THAT?

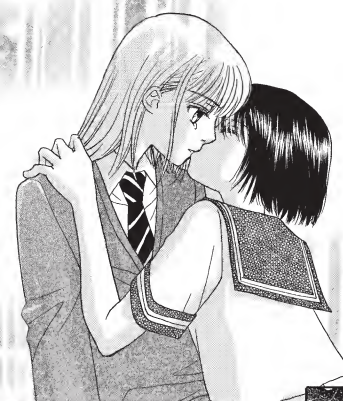




I
NEVER
REAL-
IZED...

HITOMI'S
JUST AS
SCARED
AS I AM.

A FRIEND
SHOULDN'T
FEEL THIS
WAY...



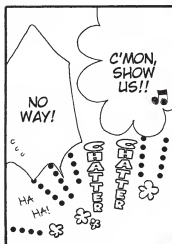
WE
DON'T...

HAVE
TO
BE JUST
"FRIENDS"
ANYMORE.



IT'S
MINE!

OH! SOME-
ONE'S CELL
PHONE IS
RINGING.



BY THE
TIME MY
CELL PHONE
FILLS UP
WITH YOUR
TEXTS AND
PHOTOS...

IT WILL BE
SUMMER
VACATION AND
WE'LL SPEND
EVERY DAY OF
IT TOGETHER.

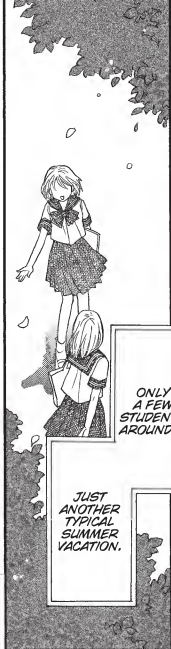


CHAPTER 1 END



EVERY
SUMMER
IS
EXACTLY
THE
SAME.

EVEN I
STAY THE
SAME,
YEAR
AFTER
YEAR.



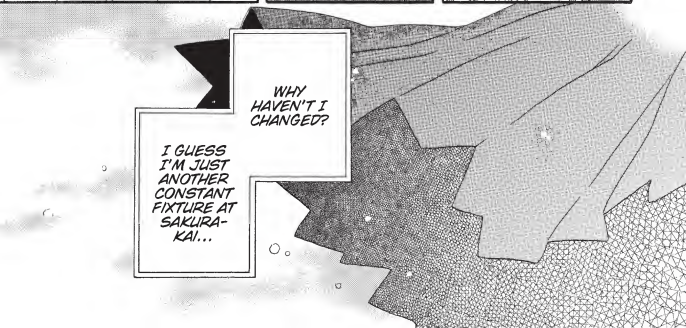
ONLY
A FEW
STUDENTS
AROUND...

JUST
ANOTHER
TYPICAL
SUMMER
VACATION.



SUN-
FLOWERS
BLOOM
IN THE
SCHOOL-
YARD...

CICADAS
SING...



WHY
HAVEN'T I
CHANGED?

I GUESS
I'M JUST
ANOTHER
CONSTANT
FIXTURE AT
SAKURA-
KAI...

IT'S SO
QUIET
INSIDE
THE
SCHOOL
...

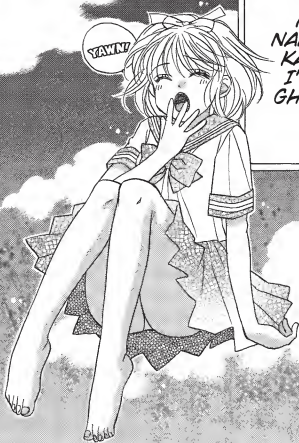
BUT
I'M NOT
LONELY
AT ALL!

BECAUSE
YOU'RE
ALWAYS
THERE.

NURSE

YAY!!!

MY
NAME'S
KATO.
I'M A
GHOST.



CHAPTER 2
THE SUMMER CLOSEST TO HEAVEN



UINN...!

NATSIKA?
ARE YOU
ALL
RIGHT?

OH NO, A
SPORTS
INJURY?
IS IT
YOUR
ANKLE?

I DIDN'T
KNOW THE
SCHOOL
NURSE...

STUCK
AROUND
FOR
SUMMER
VACATION.

STAND

SLIDE

JEEZ...

THIS
SUCKS!

God!

OKAY.
I'LL GET
IT FOR
YOU...

Jeez!

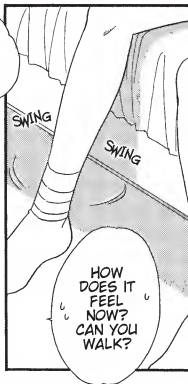
I'M
FINE!
I JUST
NEED
SOME
RELIEF
PATCHES.

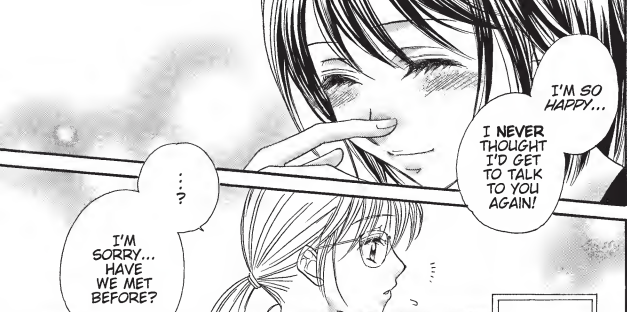
Oh.
I KINDA
HAVE TO,
SINCE THE
SPORTS
TEAMS ARE
STILL ACTIVE.
LET ME
SEE YOUR
ANKLE...

IT'S NOT
THAT BAD!
I PATCH UP
STUFF LIKE
THIS ALL
THE TIME!

BUT IT
LOOKS
SWOLLEN
...

HEY!





I'M SO
HAPPY...

I NEVER
THOUGHT
I'D GET
TO TALK
TO YOU
AGAIN!

...?

I'M
SORRY...
HAVE
WE MET
BEFORE?



IT'S
LIKE...
OLD
TIMES...



WELL,
OF COURSE,
YOU ARE...

HAHA! I'M
ACTUALLY
SWEATING!

IT'S
SO
HOT OUT!



MY NAME
AND CLASS
NUMBER,
RIGHT?
SURE
THING!!

UM,
WOULD
YOU MIND
SIGNING
IN?



OKAY,
KOMATSU?
ER, I
MEAN...

SENSEI?

HEY,
LET'S GO
OUTSIDE!



...HUH?

Outside?
On that
ankle?

WHAT?

HEHE...

YOU
SHOULDN'T
STAY IN
THAT CHILLY
OFFICE ALL
DAY!

ARE YOU
ALL RIGHT,
SENSEI?

PANT

gasp

gasp

HUFF

BUT THE
TEMPER-
ATURE
DIFFERENCE
MIGHT MAKE
IT WORSE!

OH
DEAR...

GASP

MAYBE
YOU'RE
RIGHT,
IT *DOES*
GET COLD
IN THERE.

I WAS
KEEPING
IT COOL
IN CASE
ANYONE
GOT HEAT
STROKE...

SO YOU
BECAME
A SCHOOL
NURSE
AFTER
ALL!

OH,
HELLO
THERE,
KOMATSU-
SENSEI...

COME
ON, IDE!
EVERY-
ONE'S
WAITING
FOR YOU.

SHE HAS
A SLIGHT
SPRAIN, SO
SHE SHOULD
REST IT FOR
A WHILE...

IDE!
WHAT
ARE YOU
DOING?

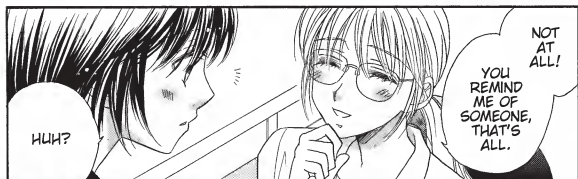
YOU
LEFT THE
COURT AND
NEVER
CAME BACK!
WE WERE
WORRIED
ABOUT
YOU!

There
you
are!

EHH?!

.....
?







BUT I NEVER
EXPECTED
TO END UP
BACK AT MY
OLD HIGH
SCHOOL!

I WENT
TO COLLEGE
AND BECAME
A SCHOOL
NURSE...

I WAS
ONLY
AT THIS
SCHOOL
FOR A
SHORT
TIME...

BEFORE
I TRANS-
FERRED
OUT...

WHEN
YOU
CAME
BACK...

I
WAS SO
HAPPY
TO SEE
YOU!

WE COULD
BE FRIENDS
AGAIN...
JUST LIKE
BEFORE...

WE WERE
TOGETHER
AGAIN...

I
KNOW.
I'M
WITH
YOU
EVERY
DAY.

BUT
SOME
OTHER
STUDENTS
COME
HERE A
LOT!

ACTIVE
AND
HEALTHY
STUDENTS
LIKE YOU
RARELY
VISIT MY
OFFICE...

YES...

SOME STUDENTS JUST NEED A PLACE WHERE THEY CAN REST AND RECOVER...

A SAFE PLACE WHERE THEY'RE ALWAYS WELCOME.

IT WAS AN IMPORTANT PLACE FOR ME BACK THEN.

I SPENT MOST OF MY BREAKS AND LUNCH HOURS HERE.

THE NURSE WAS REALLY NICE AND THE ROOM WAS COZY.

I EVEN MADE A LOT OF FRIENDS HERE.

LIKE THAT GIRL I MET IN MY FIRST YEAR...

I WONDER WHAT HAPPENED TO HER AFTER SHE TRANSFERRED...

I BROUGHT MINE TOO! LET'S EAT ON THE ROOF!

YOU BROUGHT A LUNCH TODAY, RIGHT?

BA-THUMP

EH?

HEY, SENSEI!

.....?

LOOK!
WE HAVE
THE PLACE
TO OUR-
SELVES,
KOMATSU-
SAN!

I USED
TO DO
THIS
WHEN
I WAS
YOUNG-
ER...

THAT'S
RIGHT...

YOU
NEED TO
GET OUT-
SIDE NOW
AND THEN!

YOU'RE
ALWAYS
COOPED
UP IN
YOUR
OFFICE,
RIGHT?

NOBODY
ELSE WILL
COME UP
HERE WHEN
IT'S THIS
HOT!

BUT SHE
WAS
ALWAYS
SMILING.

IT FEELS
GOOD TO
SWEAT!

I'LL BE
FINE! I
WANTED
TO EAT
OUTSIDE
AT LEAST
ONCE.

ARE YOU
SURE IT'S
NOT TOO
HOT FOR
YOU?

SHE
WAS
SKINNY
AND
PALE...

ME
TOO!

IT'S BEEN A
LONG TIME
SINCE I ATE
LUNCH OUT-
DOORS...

Hehe.





HA! DON'T FORGET...

YOU'LL ALSO HAVE TO DEAL WITH ANNOYING STUDENTS LIKE ME WHO COME TO SCHOOL AND PASS OUT.

True.

AND YOU HAVE TO DEAL WITH STUDENTS LIKE ME...

ERR, WELL, IT LOOKS LIKE A TOUGH JOB. YOU HAVE TO BE PART DOCTOR, PART GUIDANCE COUNSELOR...

WHY DON'T YOU BECOME A SCHOOL NURSE, KOMATSU-SAN? YOU'RE SMART ENOUGH.

I PREFER THE NURSE'S OFFICE. IT'S SO PEACEFUL THERE.

MAYBE I'LL KEEP GOING EVEN AFTER I GRADUATE!

Ahaha!



OH, I SEE...

YOU'RE LUCKY. I DON'T HAVE ANY FRIENDS IN MY CLASS...



HUH?

Thanks for tutoring me!

I COME EVERY DAY... SO I CAN SEE SOMEONE...

WELL, I DON'T COME TO SCHOOL JUST TO STUDY...

FIDGET FIDGET ♡



YOU'RE NOT ANNOYING!

YOU'RE AMAZING! YOU STILL COME TO SCHOOL AND STUDY REALLY HARD, EVEN THOUGH YOU'RE SICK!

EH?



NO WAY! WE'LL BE TOGETHER FOR SURE!

BUT THERE ARE EIGHT CLASSES! ODDS ARE WE'LL BE IN DIFFERENT ONES.

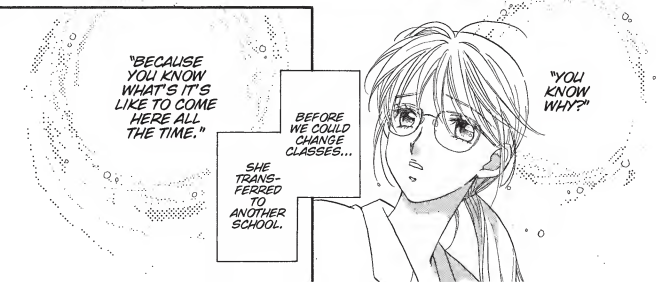
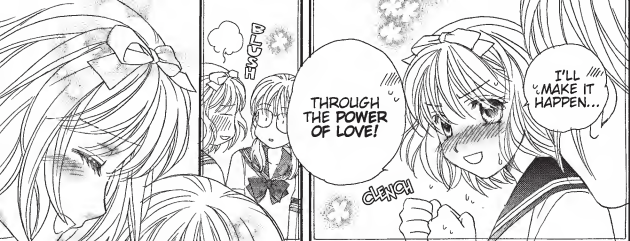
HUH?

THEN I'LL BE IN YOUR CLASS NEXT YEAR!

JUST WATCH!

THEN...

O-OH...





I WISH
FEWER
STUDENTS
NEEDED
MY HELP,
BUT...

SO
MANY OF
THEM COME
TO ME WITH
INJURIES,
ILLNESSES...
OR OTHER
PROBLEMS...

I KNOW!
YOU'RE
THE ONLY
TEACHER
WHO COMES
EVERY DAY
DURING
SUMMER
BREAK.

I
REALLY
LOVE MY
JOB.

I
WANTED
TO SEE
HER
OUTSIDE
OF THE
NURSE'S
OFFICE.

I
WANTED
TO SPEND
MORE TIME
WITH HER.



I FIGURE
THAT WHEN
STUDENTS
COME TO ME
WITH THEIR
TROUBLES...

THE
LEAST I
CAN DO
IS LISTEN
TO THEM.

BUT
IT'S NOW
SUCH A BIG
PART OF
MY JOB.

WHEN
I WAS
YOUNGER,
I WASN'T
VERY GOOD
AT TALK-
ING TO
PEOPLE...



IF YOU
EVER NEED
TO TALK,
I'M HERE
FOR YOU...



...KATO-SAN.

I...

THERE
WAS
SOME-
THING I
WANTED
TO TELL
HER...

IS THAT
WHY I'M
STILL
HERE...?

IS
THERE
SOME-
THING...

YOU
WANT
TO TELL
ME?

YES?

I...

UHM...

AND
THEN
I WAS
ABLE TO
SEE YOU
AGAIN...

EVEN
THOUGH
WE
WEREN'T
IN THE
SAME
CLASS...

WE
STUDIED
AND
LAUGHED
TOGETHER.

IT WAS
SO MUCH
FUN SEEING
YOU EVERY
DAY AT THE
NURSE'S
OFFICE.

SO...

Fasting
Diet...



I'M
SO GLAD
YOU'RE
DOING
WELL,
KOMATSU-
SAN.

YOU
BECAME A
GREAT SCHOOL
NURSE, JUST
LIKE I KNEW
YOU WOULD.

I WAS
REALLY
HAPPY!

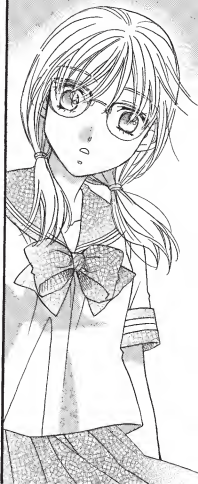


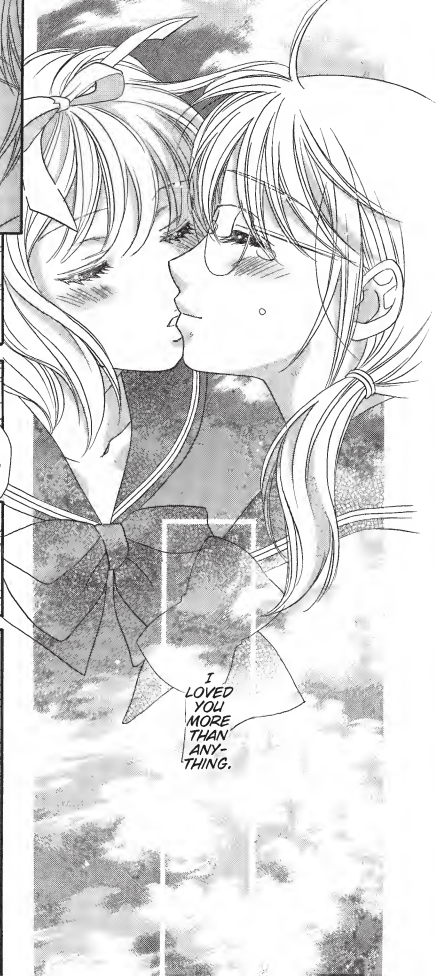
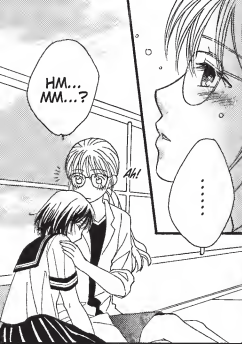
I CAN
FINALLY
TELL
HER...

AND...

AND...

I'M
SORRY WE
COULDN'T
BE IN THE
SAME
CLASS.







OKAY, LET'S
TRY THE SCENE
WHERE THE
PRINCESS IS
CAPTURED.

R-
RIGHT...

Umm...

UP UNTIL
THAT MOMENT,
I WAS REALLY
HAPPY.

I FELT LIKE
A PRINCESS.



I'M JUST NOT
SURE HOW IT
FEELS TO BE A
"CAPTURED
PRINCESS"...

I WAS
CHOSEN
TO STAR
IN A PLAY
FOR THE
CULTURAL
FESTIVAL...

I GOT TO
BE THE
PRIN-
CESS, A
ROLE ALL
THE GIRLS
WANTED...

WE'D
STAYED
AFTER
SCHOOL TO
PRACTICE
OUR LINES.

Umm.

WELL
THEN...

BECAUSE
MY
PRINCE
WAS
TACHIBANA-
SAN, A
COOL AND
POPULAR
SEMPAI.

WHAT'S
WRONG,
ABE-SAN?



Brother's Knife

SLIP

UP
UNTIL
THAT
MO-
MENT...

HOW
ABOUT
THIS?

EH...?

UNRAVEL

S-
SEMPAI...

AND IF
WE UNDO
YOUR
BRAIDS...

DOES THAT
MAKE YOU
FEEL MORE
LIKE A
"CAPTURED
PRINCESS"
NOW?

THERE.
I'VE
BOUND
YOUR
WRISTS.





BA-
THUMP

NO...

I'll
hold
it for
you.



TRY A FEW
LINES,
PRINCESS.

BA-
THUMP

"NO, MY
PRINCE.
I SHALL
NOT."

"IF I COULD
USE MAGIC,
I'D TURN YOU
TO STONE."

I'M...

"I WILL
THEN PIN
YOU UPON MY
CHEST AS A
BROOCH."

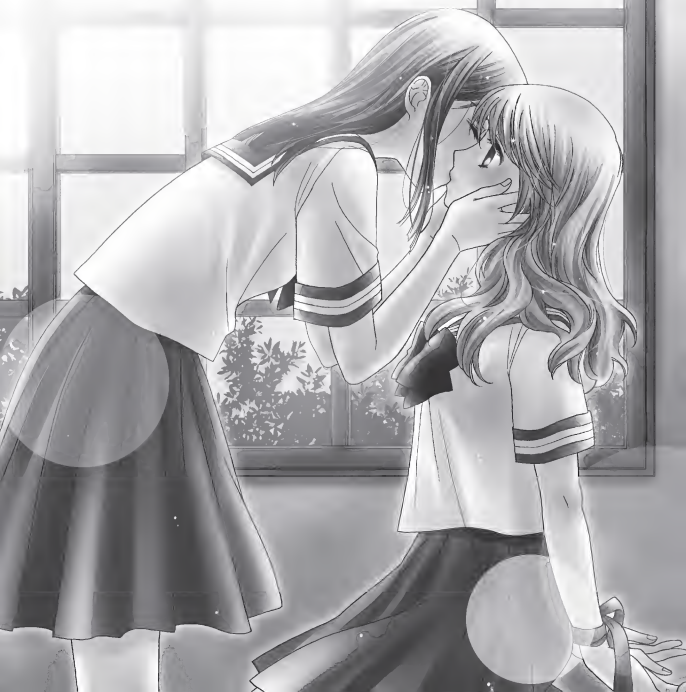
I'M SO
NERVOUS
I CAN
HARDLY
SPEAK...

"AND
POLISH
YOU
WITH MY
KISS..."

"AND
WITH MY
KISS--"

EH?

CHAPTER 3
KISS, LOVE, AND MY PRINCE



AND
KISSED
HER?!

DROPP

YOU TIED
HER HANDS
BEHIND
HER
BACK...

?

WHAT
ARE YOU
GETTING
ALL
WORKED
UP
ABOUT?

IT SAYS
RIGHT
HERE THAT
THE PRINCE
KISSES THE
PRINCESS.

Find of a heart like a...

WHAT THE
HELL IS
WRONG
WITH YOU?!

THAT'S
NOT
OKAY!!

Oh
man!

Idiot!!

Seriously?

MAN, I
CAN'T
BELIEVE WE
HAVE TO
USE A
SECOND YEAR
DIVA JUST
TO DRAW
IN THE
CROWDS.

Drama Club

3rd Year
Students
Only!!

Meeting in
progress

IT'S
HURTFUL
BECAUSE
IT'S
TRUE!!

YOU KNOW,
IT'S VERY
HURTFUL TO
CALL SOMEONE
AN IDIOT OVER
AND OVER
AGAIN.

YOU ONLY
KISS HER
IN THE
VERY LAST
SCENE!

AND YOU
DON'T HAVE
TO DO IT
EVERY TIME IN
REHEARSAL!
YOU'RE SUCH
AN IDIOT!!

Oh, it is the
last scene.

Sigh...

Un-
believable!



GO
APOLOGIZE
TO HER,
RIGHT
NOW!!



BYE,
SENSEI!

THAT'S ALL
FOR TODAY.
SEE YOU
TOMORROW!

OH...
GREAT...
TIME TO
HEAD
HOME...

CHATTER
CHATTER

UHM,
CLASS IS
OVER.

THANK
YOU

ARE YOU
SKIPPING
DRAMA
CLUB
AGAIN?

YOU'RE
STARRING
IN THE
PLAY, RIGHT?
SHOULDN'T
YOU GO TO
REHEARSAL?

ABE-CHAN?
ABE-CHAN?



IS...IS
SOMETHING
WRONG?

...THEN
YOU'RE NOT
PHYSICALLY
ATTRACTED
TO THAT
PERSON.

JUST IMAGINE
THE TWO OF
YOU KISSING.
IF YOUR FIRST
REACTION IS
"EWW!
GROSS!!"...

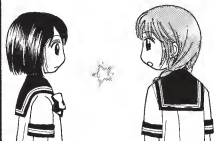


WHAT
?!

W-WHY
DO YOU
WANT TO
KNOW?



NANA-
CHIN, HAVE
YOU EVER
KISSED
SOMEONE?



EVERYONE
SAYS I AM
A PRINCE

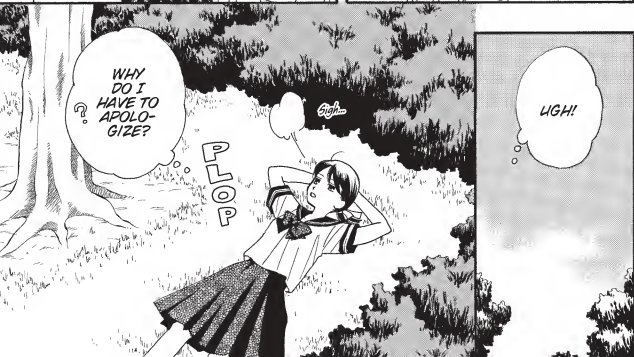
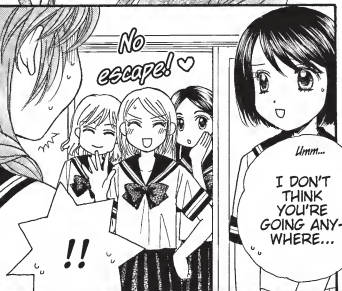
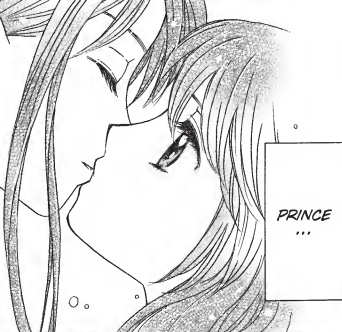
LIKE MOST
GIRLS, I
ALWAYS
THOUGHT
MY FIRST
KISS...

WOULD
COME
FROM A
CUTE
BOY.

EVEN IF
HE WAS
JUST AN
ORDINARY
GUY...

IN THAT
MOMENT,
HE WOULD
BECOME
MY
PRINCE.







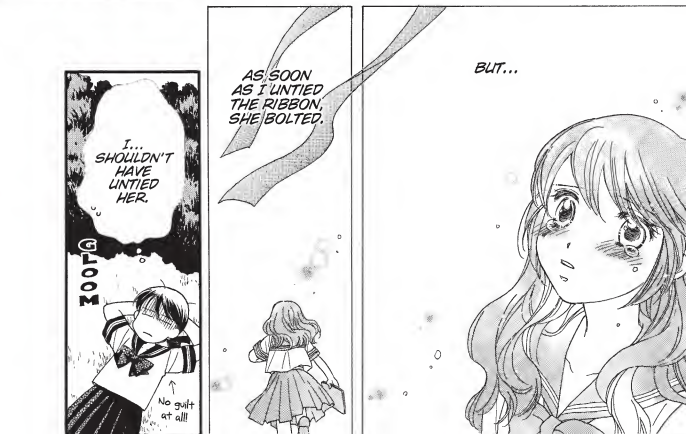
Drifting
off...

HER HAIR
CAUGHT THE
AFTERNOON
SUN...

SHE
LOOKED
SO
BEAUTI-
FUL...

AND
SPARKLED....

HER
LONG, DARK
EYELASHES
CAST SMALL
SHADOWS
ON HER
CHEEKS.



BUT...

AS SOON
AS I UNTIED
THE RIBBON,
SHE BOLTED.

I...
SHOULDN'T
HAVE
UNTIED
HER.

30070

No guilt
at all!



ABE-SAN,
CAN YOU
PLEASE
COME TO
REHEARSALS
AGAIN?

WE
HEARD
WHAT
HAPPEN-
ED...



RUSTLE

*She
disappeared
on us!*

WE'RE
SO SORRY!
WE TOLD
TACHIBANA-
SAN TO
APOLOGIZE,
BUT...

Eh?

!



TACHIBANA-
SAN OFTEN
ACTS
WITHOUT
THINKING.

Sorry...

SHE
LOOKS
COOL, BUT
SHE'S
REALLY
A BIT OF
A SPACE
CASE.

...

BUT
TACHIBANA-
SAN
PROBABLY
MEANT NO
HARM, YOU
KNOW?

WE UNDER-
STAND YOUR
FEELINGS,
ABE-SAN...



Witch



SOMETIMES
SHE GETS
A LITTLE
TOO INTO
HER ROLE...

YOU WERE
PRACTICING
YOUR LINES,
RIGHT?

*Hey, no
need to
go that
far...*

WORRY
WORRY
WORRY

TACHIBANA-
SEMPAI DIDN'T
MEAN ANY-
THING BY IT.

I
KNOW...

SE...

SEMPAI...

"NO
NEED..."

HUH?

"I WILL
TURN
INTO AN
ISLAND,
OR A
ROCK..."

"OR
ANYTHING
ELSE YOU
WANT ME
TO BE,
PRINCESS."

IF
YOU
BUT
WISH
IT..."

WHO
WERE YOU
LOOKING
AT?

WHO
WERE YOU
CONFESSING
YOUR LOVE
TO?

WAS IT
ME, OR THE
CAPTURED
PRINCESS?

WHO
DID YOU
KISS?



I
WANTED
IT TO BE
THE REAL
THING!



EITHER WAY,
THAT WAS MY
FIRST KISS...

"PRIN-
CESS
...?"



WHAT...?

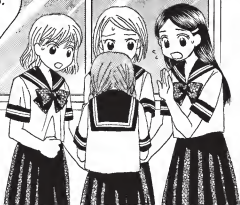
SOME-
ONE
ELSE
WILL
KISS
TACHI-
BANA-
SEMPAI
...?

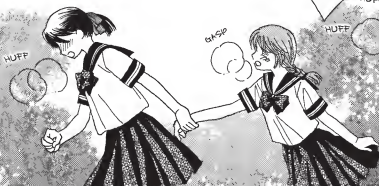
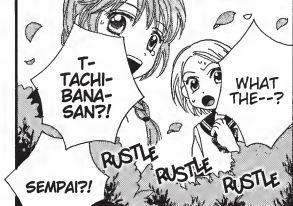


WE
CAN FIND
SOMEONE
ELSE TO
PLAY THE
PRINCESS.

WE
TOTALLY
UNDERSTAND
IF YOU DON'T
WANT TO BE
IN THE
PLAY.

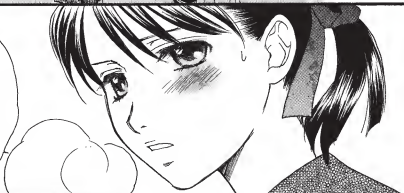
OH MY
GOSH!
DON'T CRY,
ABE-SAN!
WE DIDN'T
MEAN TO
PRESSURE
YOU.







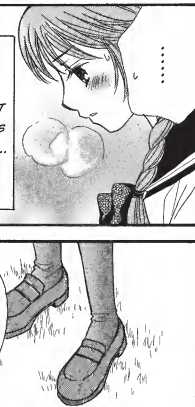
IF I
APOLOGIZE,
WILL YOU
STAY IN THE
PLAY?



IT
SHOULDN'T
MATTER
WHO PLAYS
THE
PRINCESS...

SO WHY
DOES SHE
CARE SO
MUCH?

I CAN'T
DO IT
WITHOUT
YOU.



PLEASE
PLAY
THE
PRINCESS!

JUST
TELL ME
WHAT I
NEED TO
DO, AND
I'LL DO
IT!

WH-WHAT
ARE YOU
TALKING
ABOUT?



HLIH
...?

I ONLY
AGREED TO
BE THE PRINCE
BECAUSE YOU
WERE THE
PRINCESS.

KISS
SOMEONE
I DON'T
LIKE.

Sigh...

I COULD
NEVER...

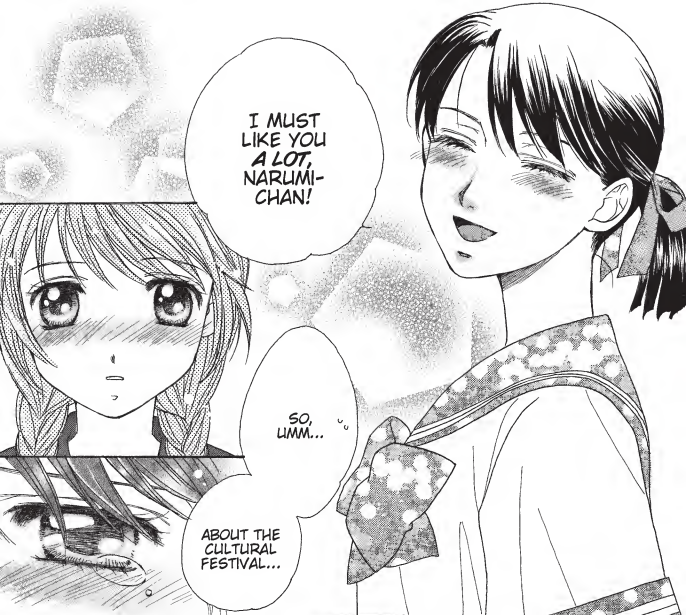
WHAT?

THEN
THAT
MEANS--!

WAIT...

...

...



I MUST
LIKE YOU
A LOT,
NARUMI-
CHAN!

SO,
UMM...

ABOUT THE
CULTURAL
FESTIVAL...

I NEVER
THOUGHT
...

THAT MY
PRINCE
WOULD
BE...

AND
THEN...

SAY
IT ONE
MORE
TIME...

SEMPAI...

DID I DO
SOMETHING
STUPID
AGAIN?!

ARE YOU
CRYING?!
CRAP, YOU
ARE! I'M
SORRY!

GOSH
...

AHHH!



...SOMEONE
AS BUMBLING
AS TACHIBANA-
SEMPAI.

THEN
I'LL
FORGIVE
YOU.

HITOMI!

HURRY!
OVER
HERE!!



THERE
ARE SO
MANY
PEOPLE
OUT
THERE!!

SEMPAI...?

Amami...

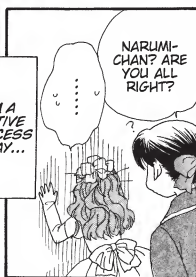
THIS
PLACE IS
PACKED!
THE DRAMA
CLUB MUST
BE REALLY
POPULAR.

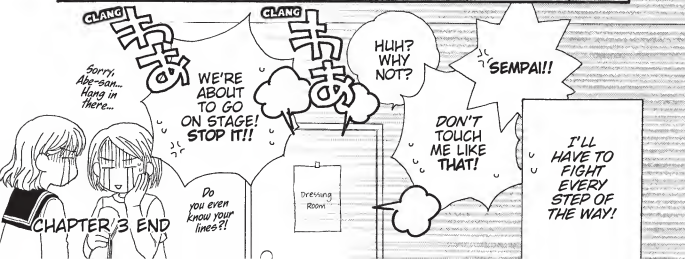
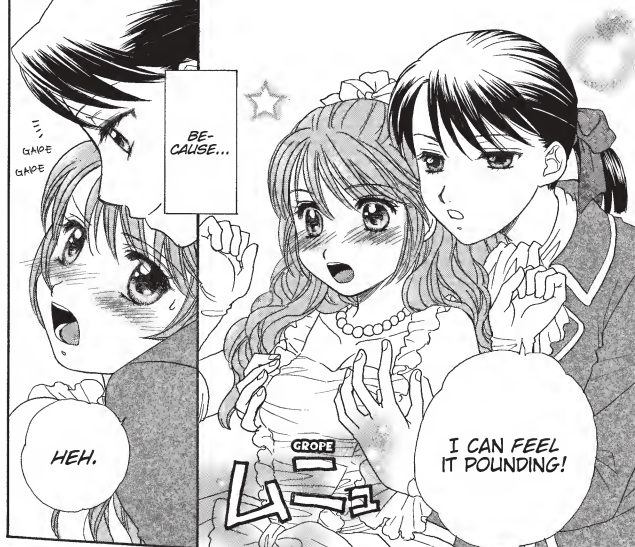
Tachi-
bana-
san!!

IT IS! A
FRIEND OF
MINE
IS ONE OF
THE LEADS!

SAKURAKA

Dressing
Room









くちびるためいきさくらいろ

K u c h i b i r u T a m e i k i S a k u r a i r o





THIS
WAS THE
FIRST TIME
SOMEONE
REFUSED...

MY
OFFER
TO
HELP.



AFTER
THAT...

I DECIDED
I WOULD
JUST
IGNORE
EVERYONE
WHO
HADN'T
GONE TO
SAKURAKAI
THEIR
WHOLE
LIVES.



IT'S NONE
OF YOUR
BUSINESS.

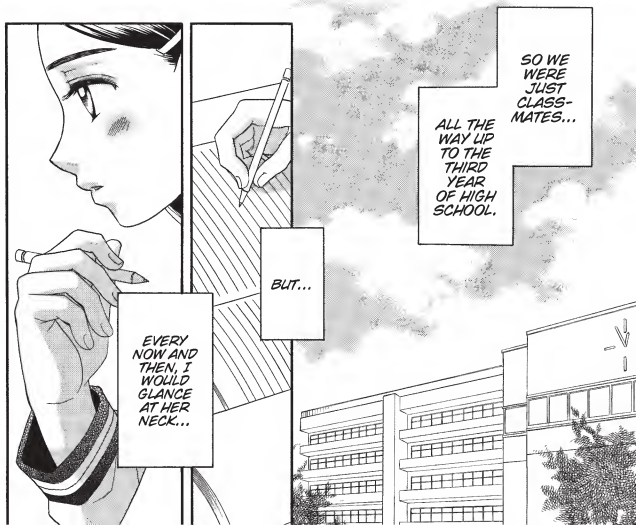
JUST
LEAVE
ME
ALONE!



IT'S NOT
LIKE I
ACTIVELY
AVOIDED
THEM...

BUT THEY
ALWAYS
SEEMED
TO HAVE
BOY-
FRIENDS
FROM
OTHER
SCHOOLS.

AND THEY
TALKED
ABOUT
STUFF WE
WEREN'T
FAMILIAR
WITH.



SO WE
WERE
JUST
CLASS-
MATES...

ALL THE
WAY UP
TO THE
THIRD
YEAR
OF HIGH
SCHOOL.

BUT...

EVERY
NOW AND
THEN, I
WOULD
GLANCE
AT HER
NECK...

CHAPTER 4
REMEMBER THIS LOVE SOMEDAY



IT WAS AS
WHITE AND
SMOOTH AS
PORCELAIN.



I WOULD
WONDER
WHAT
IT FELT
LIKE...



OWW!



YEAH,
IT'S NO
PROBLEM!

WE'LL DO
THE REST,
SEMPAI!



Drama Club Fall
Performance

BUT WE
NEED
TO PUT
THESE
POSTERS
UP...



YOU'RE BLEEDING!
YOU SHOULD
GO TO THE
NURSE'S
OFFICE!

Club Fall
Performance

ARE
YOU ALL
RIGHT,
CHISATO?
DID YOU
PRICK
YOUR
FINGER?..



ALL
RIGHT...
THANKS!

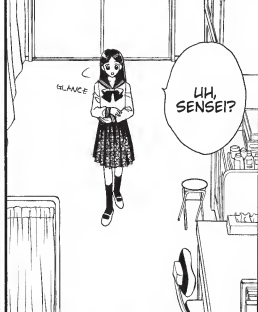


SLIDE

Nurse's
Office

EXCUSE
ME...

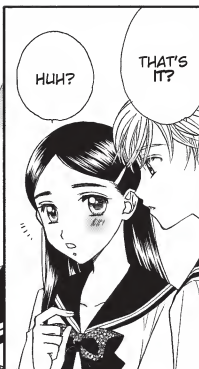
EXCUSE
ME...





HEH.

DON'T
WORRY,
PRINCESS...
I THINK
YOU'LL
SURVIVE.



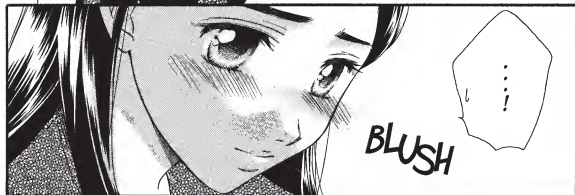
HUH?

THAT'S
IT?



OOZE...

I, UH,
POKED MY
FINGER
WITH A
TACK...



BLUSH

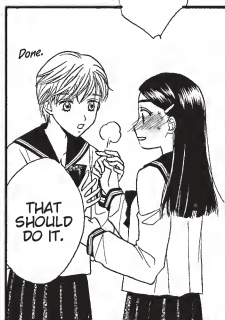
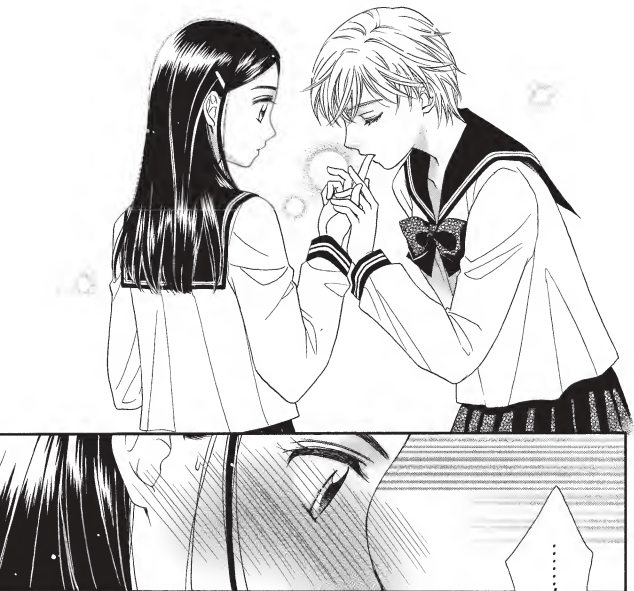


MINNACON

TWITCH



MIZU...





AFTER
THAT...



I STARTED
HAVING...

THE
SAME
DREAM
EVERY
NIGHT...

IN THE
DREAM,
SHE AND
I WERE
BEST
FRIENDS...

WE ATE
LUNCH AND
SHOPPED
TOGETHER...



BUT...

ON
HER
NECK...

CHIRP
CHIRP
CHIRP

OH
GOD...

COUGH

COUGH

I'M FINE,
REALLY!

ARE YOU
SURE? YOU
DON'T LOOK
SO GOOD.

YOU
HAVE
BEEN
KIND
OF OUT
OF IT
LATELY.

Lemme
see.

Don't
get too
close!

JUST A
SORE
THROAT.

CHISATO,
DO YOU
HAVE A
COLD?

COUGH

ACTU-
ALLY...

SHHH



Ah
ha
ha!

AGAIN?
YOU'RE
PROBABLY
JUST ANEMIC
BECAUSE
YOU DON'T
EAT MEAT.

YEAH,
I WAS
JUST A
LITTLE
LIGHT-
HEADED.

HEY,
MIZUKI,
FEELING
BETTER?

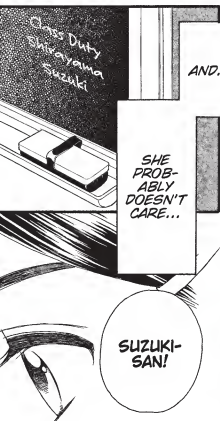


NOT
ENOUGH
IRON,
RIGHT?

MAYBE
YOU
SHOULD
START
GNAWING
ON BALL
BEAR-
INGS!

No
way!

Ahahaha!



AND...

SHE
PROB-
ABLY
DOESN'T
CARE...

SUZUKI-
SAN!

HAND-
OUTS.
WHO'S
ON DUTY
TODAY?

WHAT'S
THAT?

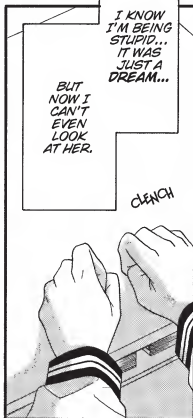
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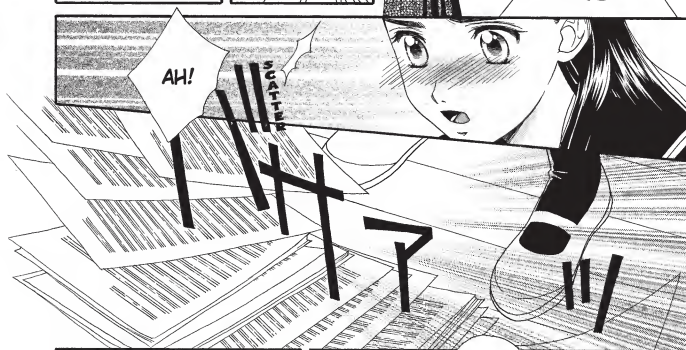


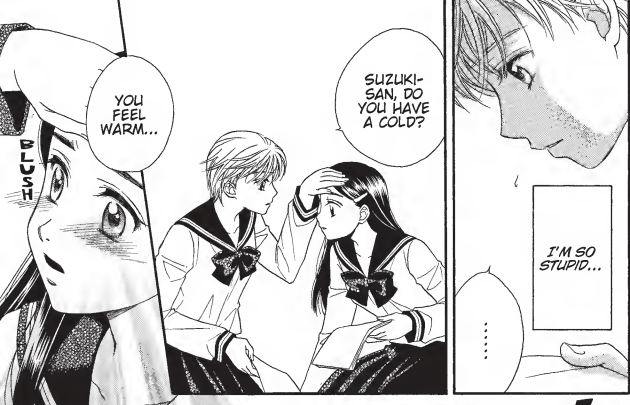
I KNOW
I'M BEING
STUPID...
IT WAS
JUST A
DREAM...

BUT
NOW I
CAN'T
EVEN
LOOK
AT HER.

CLENCH



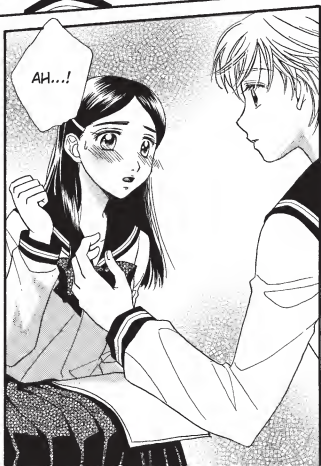




THE NEXT DAY,
ALL I WANTED
TO DO WAS
STAY IN BED
AND HIDE.

I'M
SORRY...

I'M...





SUZUKI-
SAN, CAN I
COME IN?

GA-CHAK

EH?

WH-
WHAT
ARE YOU
DOING
HERE?

HUH?

OOOBB

YOU
LOOK A
LOT LIKE
YOUR
MOTHER,
SUZUKI-
SAN.

IT'S
NOT
THAT
BAD...

YOU
LOOKED
REALLY
SICK
YESTER-
DAY.

I
WANT-
ED TO
CHECK
ON YOU...



IT'S
OKAY...



I
SHOULD
APOLO-
GIZE...

BA-THUMP

BA-THUMP

UHHH...
I...



BUT
WHEN
WE WERE
IN FIRST
YEAR...

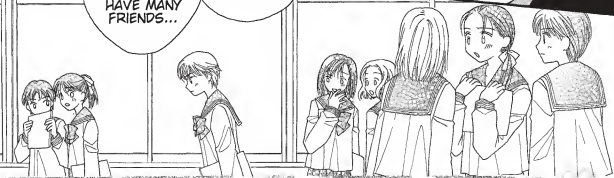


WHAT?



I WAS
NEW TO
SAKURAKAI
AND I DIDN'T
HAVE MANY
FRIENDS...

I HAD A
MARK ON MY
NECK AND IT
STARTED A
LOT OF
RUMORS.



MIZUKI-
SAN,
RIGHT?



Ummm...



I KNEW
YOU MEANT
WELL, BUT
I WAS SO
EMBARRASSED.



IF A
TEACHER
SEES YOUR
NECK, YOU
MIGHT GET IN
TROUBLE...

USE
THIS TO
COVER
IT UP!

IT'S
OKAY.
THAT WAS
A LONG
TIME AGO...

SURE,
BUT...



BUT I
ACTED
LIKE A
JERK AND
SNAPPED
AT YOU.

Haha!

YOU
WERE
REALLY
NICE AND
WAITED
UNTIL WE
WERE
ALONE...



I STILL
REMEM-
BER...

THE RED
MARK
ON HER
NECK.

I'M
STILL
REALLY
SORRY.



DO
YOU...

LIKE
YOUR
BOY-
FRIEND?

HUH?

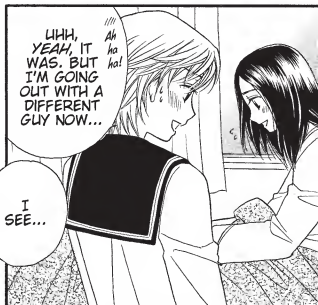
WHEN
SHE'S
MEAN TO
ME BEFORE,
IT REALLY
HURT...

BUT NOW
THAT SHE'S
BEING NICE
TO ME,
SOMEHOW
IT HURTS
EVEN MORE.



ah?

SO...
WAS IT A
HICKEY?



UHH,
YEAH, IT
WAS, BUT
I'M GOING
OUT WITH A
DIFFERENT
GUY NOW...

!!!
Ah
ha
ha!

I
SEE...



SUZUKI-SAN, DO YOU HAVE A BOY-FRIEND?

I...



I DON'T WANT TO BE IN LOVE...

BE-CAUSE...





TAKE
IT EASY
UNTIL
I GET
BACK.

I JUST
HAVE TO
STEP OUT
FOR A
MINUTE.

WOULD
YOU LIKE
TO LIE
DOWN
FOR A
BIT?

HMM,
YOUR FACE
WAS REALLY
RED THE
OTHER
DAY.

I STILL
HAVE A
BIT OF A
FEVER...



LYING
HERE
MAKES
ME FEEL
CLOSER
TO HER...

I
KNEW...

SHE
ALWAYS
SLEPT IN
THIS BED
WHEN SHE
CAME
TO THE
NURSE'S
OFFICE.

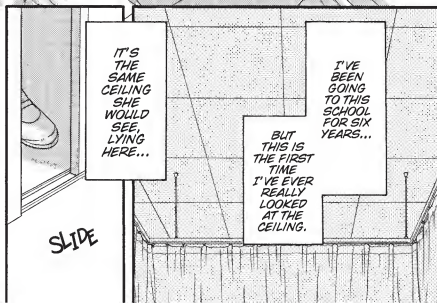


EH?

SENSEI
...

CAN I
TALK TO
YOU
ABOUT
SOME-
THING?

nope...



IT'S
THE
SAME
CEILING
SHE
WOULD
SEE,
LYING
HERE...

I'VE
BEEN
GOING
TO THIS
SCHOOL
FOR SIX
YEARS...

BUT
THIS IS
THE FIRST
TIME
I'VE EVER
REALLY
LOOKED
AT THE
CEILING.

SLIDE





IT'S
JUST A
CRUSH.
THAT'S
ALL.

THE
WAY I
FEEL
ABOUT
HER...

I
KNOW I'M
GETTING
MYSELF
WORKED
UP OVER
NOTHING.



IS IT
SILLY TO
WORRY
SO MUCH
ABOUT
IT?

I
MEAN,
WHAT IF I
EVER FALL
IN LOVE
FOR
REAL?!

WHAT
IF IT HURTS
EVEN MORE
THAN THIS?

I DON'T
THINK
I'D BE
ABLE TO
HANDLE
THE PAIN.

Ha!

I
DON'T
USUALLY
GO ON
AND ON
LIKE
THIS...

I'M
SORRY...

THAT'S
WHY I
DON'T
WANT TO
FALL IN
LOVE.

FIND
MY TRUE
LOVE...?
REALLY?

AND YOU'LL
FIND YOUR
TRUE LOVE,
SUZUKI-SAN.

SOME-
DAY THE
PAIN WILL
FADE...

SENSEI?

DON'T
WORRY.

YES,
SOMEDAY...

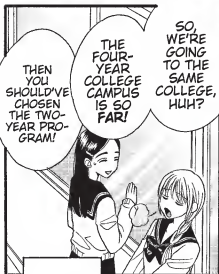
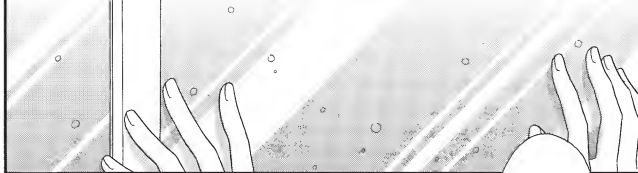
I'LL FALL
IN LOVE
WITH SOME-
ONE OTHER
THAN HER...

.....

SLIDE

SLIDE

3
NURSE'S
OFFICE



THEN YOU SHOULD'VE CHOSEN THE TWO-YEAR PROGRAM!

THE FOUR-YEAR COLLEGE CAMPUS IS SO FAR!

SO, WE'RE GOING TO THE SAME COLLEGE, HUH?



I'M GOING TO THE TWO-YEAR COLLEGE HERE.



SORRY!

BUT THAT MEANS YOU'RE NOT GOING TO THE SAME COLLEGE AS US!

SO YOU GOT THE SCHOLARSHIP, MIZUKI?



SOME-DAY...



I'LL FALL IN LOVE WITH SOMEONE ELSE.

BUT EACH TIME...

I'LL REMEMBER MY FIRST LOVE.

CHAPTER 4 END

CHAPTER 5
IF I KISS HER RING FINGER





HER LONG
FINGERS
THREAD
THROUGH
MY HAIR...



WHEN I
OPEN MY
EYES...

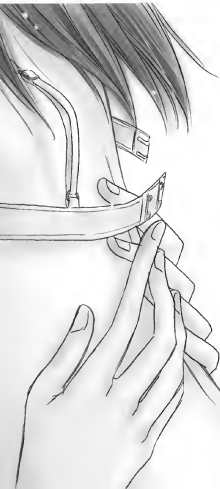


AND
HER
SOFT
LIPS...

I
SEE HER
BEAUTIFUL,
SMOOTH
SKIN...



WHEN
SHE CALLS
MY NAME...



I FEEL
LIKE
CRYING...



I WRAP
MY ARMS
AROUND
HER...

WE PRESS
AGAINST
EACH OTHER,
LEAVING NO
GAPS...



WE LOOK INTO
EACH OTHER'S EYES
AND KISS UNTIL THE
WORLD SELTS AWAY...



AND
THEN...

THE FEAR WE HAVE IN OUR
HEARTS DISAPPEARS...

BEEP

BEEP

BEEP

BEEP

BECAUSE
WE HAVE
EACH
OTHER...

SLAM

た

CLICK

しゅっ!

I'M
IN THE
MIDDLE
OF MID-
TERMS...

BUT I
HAVEN'T
BEEN
SLEEPING
MUCH.

Jeez...

OH MY
GOD!

WHAT A
DREAM...

Now's
time
to
get
up!

BA-THUMP

BA-THUMP

CHIRP
チュ
チュ
チュ

GRASP

GRASP U
U

BUT...

TODAY
I CAN
FINALLY
SEE
HER.

I JUST
HOPE I
DON'T
BOMB
MY MID-
TERMS.

I'VE
BEEN
PRACTICALLY
SLEEP-
WALKING
THROUGH
SCHOOL...

snigh...

magazines

MAYBE
THAT'S
WHY I
HAD THAT
DREAM...

I WANTED
TO FOCUS
ON STUDYING,
SO I HAVEN'T
CALLED OR
TEXTED HER
AT ALL THIS
WEEK.

NANA!
SORRY
FOR BEING
LATE!!

HM,
THIS
MODEL
LOOKS
LIKE
HER...

I
MEAN,
WE
HAVEN'T
GONE
THAT
FAR
YET...

I'M
SUCH A
PER-
VERT!

WHY
WOULD I
DREAM
THAT?

THOUGH
WE HAVE
KISSED.

GLOMP
Drop

REALLY?

That's right.

IT'S
OKAY!
I WAS SHOP-
PING.

And you don't
have basketball
practice today...

I'm
really
sorry!

NANA,
YOU GOT
OUT EARLY
TODAY,
RIGHT?

WERE
YOU
WAITING
A LONG
TIME?

THEY SAY
THAT IN
RELATION-
SHIPS, THE
FIRST ONE
TO FALL IN
LOVE IS AT A
DISADVAN-
TAGE...

HMM.
ACTUALLY,
HITOMI IS
PRETTIER
THAN THAT
MODEL...

BUT
I DIS-
AGREE.

HITOMI
AND I HAVE
BEEN BEST
FRIENDS
SINCE WE
WERE KIDS...

BUT WE'VE
BEEN MORE
THAN JUST
"FRIENDS"
FOR THE
PAST SIX
MONTHS.



HOW'D
YOUR
MID-TERMS
GO?

WE
WERE AS
CLOSE AS
FRIENDS
COULD BE.

UNTIL WE
WENT TO
DIFFER-
ENT HIGH
SCHOOLS,
WE SPENT
EVERY DAY
TOGETHER.

OUR
SCHOOL
ONLY HAS TWO
SEMESTERS,
SO WE ONLY
HAVE BIG
TESTS FOUR
TIMES A
YEAR.

IT'S LIKE
THE AIR
AROUND
HER HAS
INTENSIFIED.

BUT
LATELY
SHE
SEEMS
EVEN
PRETTIER
THAN
BEFORE.

HITOMI
HAS
ALWAYS
BEEN
TALL,
PRETTY,
AND
GLAMOR-
OUS...

UH, I
KINDA
CRASHED
AND
BURNED...

I WANT
TO SEE
HER
ALL THE
TIME...

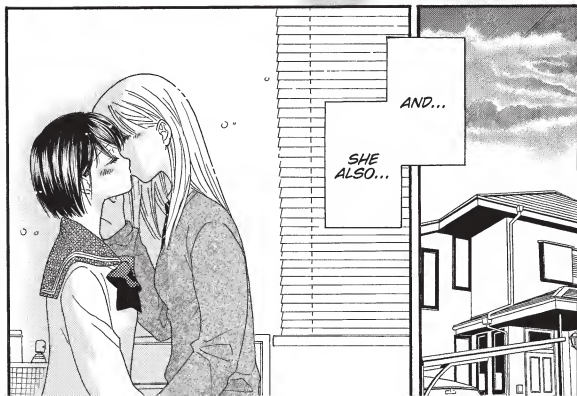
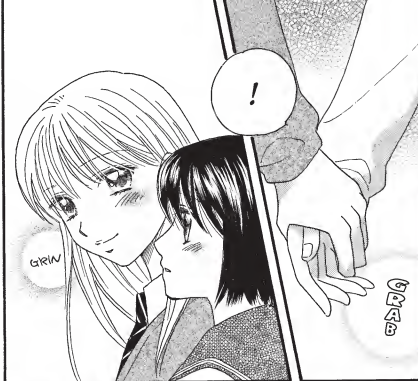
AND
HEAR
HER
VOICE
ALL DAY
LONG.

I'M SO
PLAIN.
I'M
NOTHING
NEXT TO
HITOMI.

WHAT
DOES
SHE SEE
IN ME?

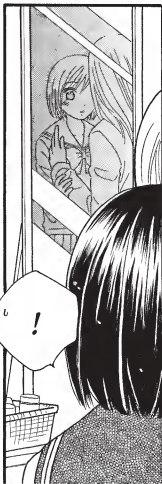
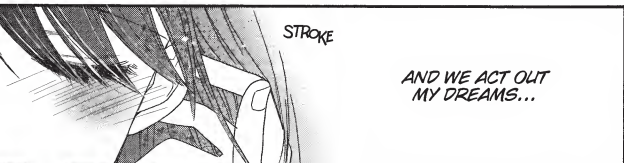
I THINK
I LOVE
HER...

MORE
THAN
SHE
LOVES
ME.





SHE TELLS ME WHAT I WANT TO HEAR...



I WANT TO
KISS YOU...
AND DO MORE
THAN THAT,
NANA!

BUT I
THOUGHT...

WHEN
HITOMI
SAID...

I'M A
BIT
RELIEVED
...

BUT...

Sigh.

I THOUGHT
SHE
MEANT
THAT, BUT...

WAS I
WRONG?

Jeez...

AWW, MAN, I
BARELY HAD TIME
TO EAT LUNCH! I
THOUGHT THINGS
WOULD SLOW
DOWN AFTER
THE CULTURAL
FESTIVAL.

THAT'S
ROUGH.

DUMP

AH! OH,
HI, ABE-
CHAN! HOW
WAS THE
DRAMA
CLUB
MEETING?

BUT!!

WE
ONLY
EVER
KISS!

BUT
AT THE
SAME
TIME I
DO!!
ARGH!!

AND
IT'S NOT
LIKE I
WANT
HER TO GO
FURTHER,
BUT...

Not so
simple...

And...

Jeez!

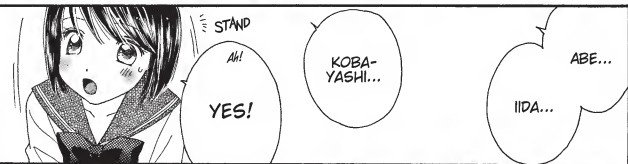
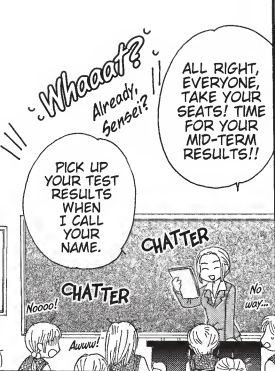
HEY,
YOU'RE
MAKING
ME
BLUSH!!

Really?

BUT THE
PLAY WAS
FANTASTIC!

YOU
MADE A
GREAT
PRINCESS,
ABE-CHAN.

NANA-CHIN,
WHY
ARE YOU
BLUSHING?



A
post-
retest
party!
♡

Yay!

HOW
ABOUT THE
DAY AFTER
THE TEST?
IT'S A
HOLIDAY!

AH, MY
TRAIN'S
HERE!

SORRY
TO
BOTHER
YOU
DURING
PRACTICE.
BYE!

CLICK

send
message

300%

Hitomi,
get back
here!

I'LL
TEXT
YOU
LATER.

CAN'T
WE
STUDY
TOGETHER?

I
NEED
TO
STUDY.

I
DON'T
THINK
THAT
WOULD
WORK...

YEAH...
IT'S NEXT
WEDNESDAY,
SO I CAN'T
SEE YOU THIS
WEEKEND.

I'M SO
MAD AT
MYSELF
RIGHT
NOW!

I THINK
ABOUT
STUPID
THINGS
AND
BOMB MY
TESTS...

SHE'S SO
SMART AND
PRETTY...

AND YET
SHE STILL
LOVES ME.

I JUST
DON'T
GET IT.

I'LL NEVER
BE WORTHY
OF HITOMI'S
LOVE.



BUT
INSTEAD, I
WORRY...



I
SHOULD
BE
HAPPY...

TO BE
LOVED
BY
SOME-
ONE I
LOVE.



AND MY
HEART
THROBS.

I will ☒ u tomorrow.
Good night ZZZ
I love you ♡♡

Reply

submenu



I
HAVEN'T
TEXTED
HITOMI
FOR FIVE
DAYS...



BONG
BONG
BONG

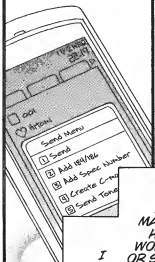
Sigh...

PHEW!
I DID
OKAY
THIS
TIME...



TIME'S
UP! PASS
YOUR
PAPERS
FORWARD.

PERFECT
Start 1:30
End 2:10



NO
MATTER
HOW
WORRIED
OR SCARED
I AM...

I
STILL
WANT
TO SEE
HER.

I WANT
TO SEE HER
SO BAD...



BUT...



I'LL BE
HONEST
WITH HER...

AND TELL
HER MY
FEELINGS.



SORRY,
CAN'T
MAKE IT
TO THE
PHONE
RIGHT
NOW.
PLEASE
LEAVE A
MESSAGE.

Don't
tell me...



↑ Doraemon ring tone!



Eheh...
NO WORRIES!
IT'S MY
FAULT FOR
DROPPING
BY SO
LATE...

Please,
come in.

MY
GOODNESS,
NANA! YOU
DIDN'T TELL
ME HITOMI
WAS STAYING
OVER!

IF I HAD
KNOWN, I
WOULD HAVE
SAVED SOME
SUPPER
FOR YOU,
HITOMI-CHAN.

And the house
is a mess...



BESIDES,
YOU
SHOULDN'T
BE OUT
THIS LATE
BY YOUR-
SELF...



Hitomi?!

Oh
crap!
She
saw
me...!

You're just
making up
excuses...

THE CON-
VENIENCE
STORE
ISN'T EVEN
NEAR MY
HOUSE.



HOW
LONG
WERE
YOU OUT
THERE?

You
scared
me...



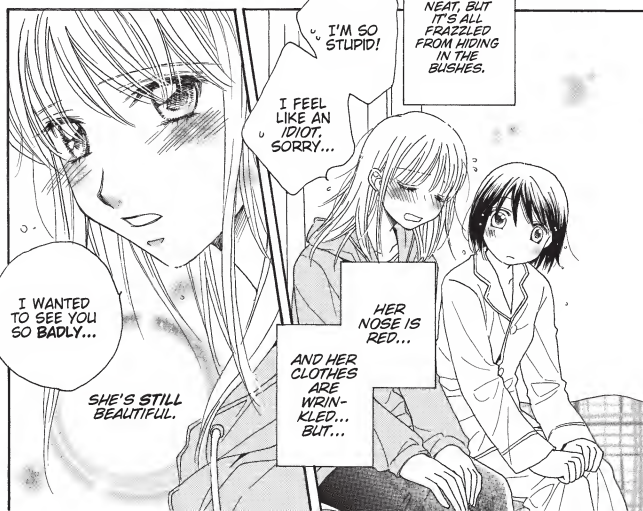
I...

I'M
SORRY
FOR
SCARING
YOU.

HUH?

HITOMI
IS
USUALLY
DEPEND-
ABLE,
BUT...

SHE
SOME-
TIMES
DOES
WEIRD
THINGS
LIKE
THIS.





ME
TOO...

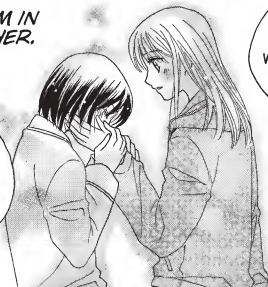
MAYBE I SEE HER THAT WAY...

BECAUSE...

BECAUSE I'M IN
LOVE WITH HER.

I
WANTED...

TO
SEE YOU,
TOO.



But...
I
THOUGHT
YOU DIDN'T
WANT TO
GO ANY
FURTHER,
NANA.

I DON'T
MIND... JUST
REMEMBER,
I'M NOT AS
PRETTY AS
YOU, HITOMI,
SO--

EH?



AND...

I WANT
YOU TO
TOUCH ME
MORE.



HITOMI,
I
WANT...

I WANT
TO TOUCH
YOU MORE.

I'M ALWAYS WORRIED
THAT THE MALE TEACHERS
AT YOUR SCHOOL MIGHT
NOTICE AND START HITTING
ON YOU... OR PERVERTS
ON THE TRAINS...
OR EVEN OTHER GIRLS
BECAUSE YOU'RE JUST
THAT CUTE--

OKAY, I
GET IT!

MPFT!

I'm
worried
all the
time!

IN FACT...
YOU GROW
PRETTIER
EVERY
DAY...

AS CUTE
AND
PRETTY
AS YOU,
NANA!

WHAT
ARE YOU
SAYING?
THERE'S
NO OTHER
GIRL...

Jeez!

What
the
hell?!

Nana, you're
adorable!
I wuv you!

Sweetie
Sweetie

Junior
High

HITOMI
HAS
ALWAYS
BEEN
LIKE
THIS.

COME
TO THINK
OF IT...

NO, LET
ME SAY
IT...

I ALWAYS
THOUGHT...

I
LOVE
YOU.

I LOVE
YOU SO
MUCH.

NANA...

YOU'RE
REALLY
CUTE. I
LOVE
YOU.

ME?
BUT
WHY?

I
LOVE
YOU.

ME?
NO
WAY.

NANA,
YOU'RE
REALLY
CUTE.

I
COULDN'T
BELIEVE
HER
WORDS...

AND MY
HEART
TWISTED
INSIDE MY
CHEST.

BUT
NOW...

I JUST
WANT TO
HOLD YOU.

I WANT YOU
IN MY ARMS.
I WANT TO
GET CLOSER,
TO KNOW
YOU MORE...

AND GIVE
EVERYTHING
TO YOU.



EVEN IF
I DOUBT
MYSELF...

NANA?
WHAT
IS IT?

OH,
NOTHING...

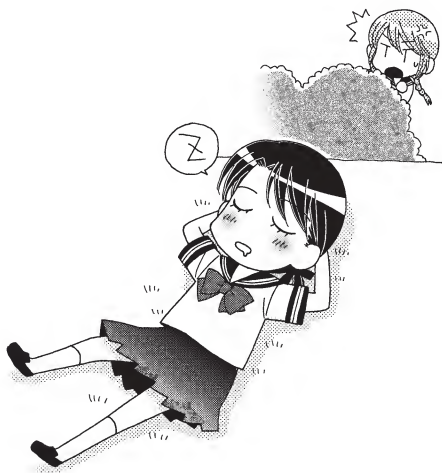
THE PILLOW
IS SMALL,
SO MOVE IN
CLOSER...

I WILL
KISS YOU
FIRST THING
IN THE
MORNING...

AND
TELL
YOU...

OUR
LOVE
IS FOR
REAL.

CHAPTER 5 END





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K u c h i b i r u T a m e i k i S a k u r a i r o



GIVE
CHOCOLATES
TO OTHER
GIRLS?

UM... ON
VALENTINE'S
DAY...

DOES
EVERY-
ONE...

THE
BEGINNING
OF FEBRU-
ARY...

AND THE
START OF
A NEW
SCHOOL
TERM.

We're an all-girls
school, remember?

I know!

OH, YEAH!
YOU WENT
TO A CO-
ED JUNIOR
HIGH, RIGHT,
NANA-CHIN?

LUCKY!
YOU GOT
TO GIVE
CHOCOLATES
TO GUYS!

OF
COURSE!
DO YOU SEE
ANY BOYS
AROUND
HERE?

?

My favorite flower is
Shepherd's-purse...

ABE-
CHAN, ARE
YOU GONNA
GIVE ONE TO
TACHIBANA-
SEMPAI?

See chapter
3 for more
details!

BUT THIS
YEAR, I'M
ONLY GIVING
SOME TO
TACHIBANA-
SEMPAI. SHE'LL
BE JEALOUS
OTHERWISE...

WHEN I WAS
IN JUNIOR
HIGH, I GAVE
CHOCOLATES
TO ALL OF MY
CLASSMATES.

Ehehe!

EW! STOP
BEING SO
MUSHY!

YOU GIVE
IT TO THE
SEMPAI
YOU'RE
CLOSEST
TO...

BASICALLY,
YOUR
FAVORITE
SEMPAI!

HERE
WE GIVE
CHOCOLATES
TO OUR
SEMPAIS!

THAT'S
TRUE!

YOU COULD
STILL GIVE
CHOCOLATES
TO A GUY.
HE'D JUST
HAVE TO GO
TO ANOTHER
SCHOOL.

It's hard to
meet guys,
but not
impossible.

It's
just a
little more
work for
us...

OH, BUT
WE DON'T
GIVE IT TO
ALL OF
THEM!

IT'S BEEN
ALMOST
A YEAR
SINCE I
CAME TO
SAKURAKAI
GIRLS
HIGH...

Careful or
her fun
club will
kill you!

YEE
YEE

 "Exchange
 note-
 books?"

AS
 SOMEONE
 WHO'S
 NEW
 TO THE
 CULTURE
 OF AN
 ALL-GIRLS
 SCHOOL...

I'VE
 LEARNED
 A LOT...

WHAT?!

NO
 WAY!! YOU
 KEEP YOUR
 CHOCOLATES
 AWAY FROM
 HER!

I'LL GIVE
 SOME TO
 THE SEMPAI
 I EXCHANGE
 NOTEBOOKS
 WITH...

AND ONE
 TO TACHI-
 BANA-SAN!

Don't you dare!

Now who's
 sensitive?

AS
SOMEONE
WHO'S
NEW
TO THE
CULTURE
OF AN
ALL-GIRLS
SCHOOL...

WHAT?!

I'LL GIVE
SOME TO
THE SEMPAI
I EXCHANGE
NOTEBOOKS
WITH...

AND ONE
TO TACHI-
BANA-SAN!

Now who's sensitive?

Don't you dare!

YOU SAID
YOU WERE
DATING
SOME-
ONE...

WHAT?!

NANA-CHIN,
WILL YOU
GIVE ONE TO
YOUR BOY-
FRIEND?

I
COULD

LIKE,
FOR
EXAM-
PLE...

THAT I
CAN GIVE
CHOCO-
LATES TO
GIRLS.

HM...

I
GUESS
I
WILL...

TO MY
SPECIAL
LOVE...

AH,
HITOMI!

SORRY
FOR
BEING
LATE...

**NANA!
OVER
HERE!**

CHAPTER 6 CHOCOLATE KISS KISS

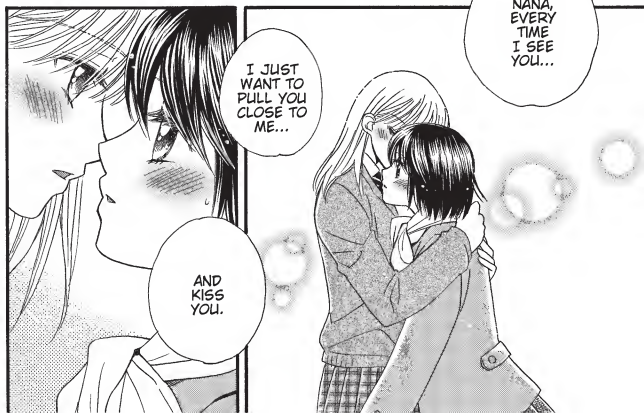
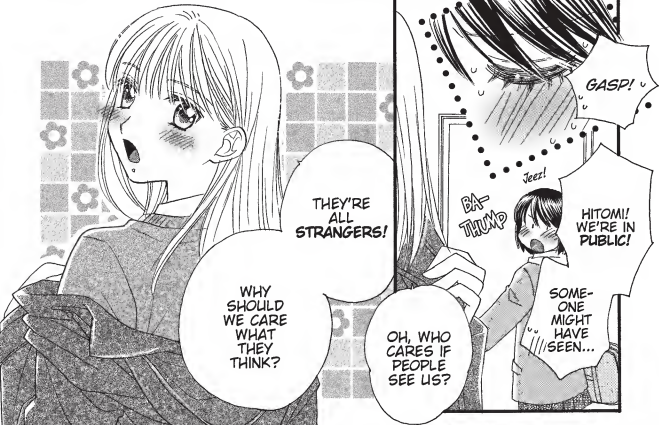
TO
HITOMI,
MY
GIRLFRIEND...

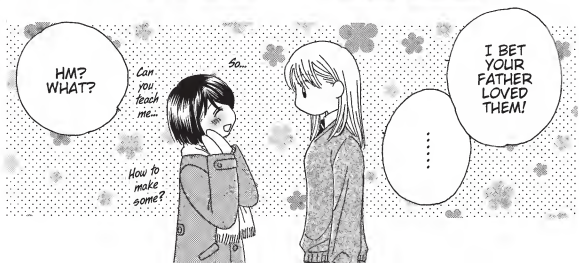
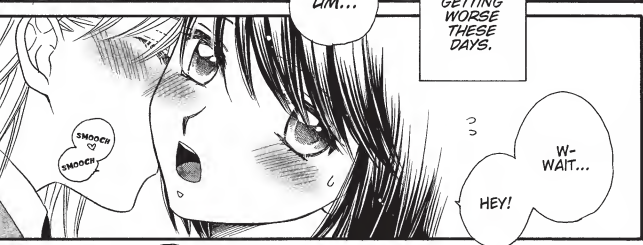
EH?
WHAT
IS IT?

RUSTLE

RUSTLE

HITO--







"NANA, CAN YOU TASTE THESE? I'M MAKING SOME FOR MY DAD."

"HERE, NANA! I MADE SOME CHOCOLATES FOR MY DAD, BUT YOU CAN HAVE THE EXTRAS!"

AH!

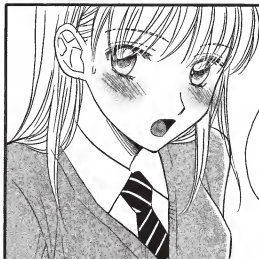
I SEE...

SHE MADE THEM...

FOR ME.

I FIGURED IF I TOLD YOU THEY WERE JUST LEFT-OVERS...

YOU'D ACCEPT THEM.



HAS
HITOMI...

BEEN
IN LOVE
WITH ME
THAT
LONG?

OF
COURSE...
BACK THEN
I NEVER
PLANNED
ON TELLING
YOU HOW I
REALLY
FELT.

HITOMI...

THE FIRST
TIME I
RECEIVED
HITOMI'S
CHOCO-
LATE WAS
IN EIGHTH
GRADE...

I'M
GOING TO
MAKE YOU
THE BEST
BATCH OF
CHOCOLATES
YET!
♡

I WASN'T
SURE WHAT
I WAS GOING
TO DO THIS
YEAR...

OH
YEAH...

HUG

BUT
NOW I
KNOW!

HUH?



TEXT ME
LATER,
OKAY?

OKAY.

BE
CAREFUL
ON YOUR
WAY
HOME!

THANKS!

HAVE
FUN AT
PRACTICE.
I'LL CHEER
FOR YOU AT
THE NEXT
GAME!

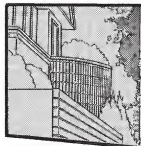
NO
PROB-
LEM!

LAST
YEAR...

WE
WERE
JUST
FRIENDS.

WE HAVE
AN EARLY
BASKETBALL
PRACTICE TO-
MORROW...

SO I
SHOULD
GET HOME
AND TURN
IN EARLY
TONIGHT.



IN
PUBLIC,
WE ACT
LIKE...

WE'RE
JUST
REALLY
CLOSE
FRIENDS.



NANA-
CHIN...

Homemade
Valentine's
Day Special
Cake-a-Palooza
Capture his heart!!

IT'S
ONLY
BEEN...

A YEAR
SINCE
JUNIOR
HIGH.



IT'S
GETTING
STRINGY...

DO WE
ADD THE
BUTTER
NOW, OR
LATER?

In ♡
Abe's house.

BUT
WE'RE
OUT OF
FLOUR...

EASY!
WE'LL JUST
MULTIPLY
ALL THE
INGREDIENTS
BY TEN!

Who is
neechan
making
chocolate
for?

Is it
for us?

I hope
not! It
sounds
awful!

Little
brothers

THEN
WE'LL USE
CORNMEAL
INSTEAD!

OKAY...

WHAT?

IT
SHOULD'VE
BEEN 20
GRAMS,
NOT 200
GRAMS...

WE
MESSED
UP THE
MEASURE-
MENTS!

WE JUST
ADDED THE
SUGAR,
SO...

EH?

HM?

UHH...
I DON'T
KNOW.

Sorry!
No time
to try it!

See
you!

WELL,
I'M
HEADING
OUT
NOW...

OH... IT
LOOKS
DELI-
CIOUS!

Mom! Don't
leave us with
that thing!

Ho ho
ho!

Clean up
after-
wards,
okay?

PLOP?

TWO
HOURS
LATER...



Waaah!

VALENTINE'S DAY IS TOMORROW, AND WE HAVE NOTHING!

WHAT SHOULD WE DO?!

BIRDS OF A FEATHER FLOCK TOGETHER ...



YOU'RE ONE TO TALK, ABE-CHAN.

But my group is still faster than yours.

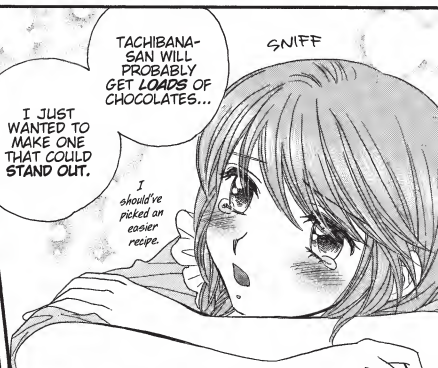
Your group is always behind in the cooking class.

NANA-CHIN... YOU'RE NOT A GOOD COOK, ARE YOU?



I NEVER REALIZED HOW MUCH TIME AND EFFORT IT TOOK TO MAKE SOMETHING FROM SCRATCH...

THERE'S NO USE CRYING OVER IT. WE'LL JUST BUY SOME AT THE STORE.

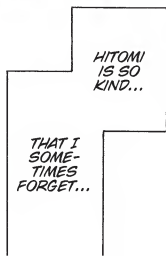


TACHIBANA-SAN WILL PROBABLY GET LOADS OF CHOCOLATES...

SNIFF

I JUST WANTED TO MAKE ONE THAT COULD STAND OUT.

I should've picked an easier recipe.



HITOMI IS SO KIND...

THAT I SOMETIMES FORGET...



WHAT MATTERS THAT IT'S GIVEN WITH LOVE.



IT DOESN'T HAVE TO BE HOME-MADE...

LAST
YEAR,
AROUND
THIS
TIME...

BUT IF
HITOMI'S
MAKING
HOMEMADE
CHOCOLATES,
IT FEELS CHEAP
TO GET HER A
STORE BOUGHT
GIFT...

I
GUESS I
BETTER
BUY
SOME...

GUESS
WE'RE NOT
THE ONLY
ONES...

Huh...

Should I
jump into
the fray?

clamor

clamor

CHOCOLATE FAIR
N.Y. 5th Ave

CHOCOLATE FAIR
N.Y. 5th Ave

Stampede!

Can't
see!

HOW
MUCH...

I
HURT
HER
BEFORE.

HOW DID
HITOMI
FEEL...

WHEN
SHE MADE
CHOCO-
LATES
FOR ME
ANYWAY?

EVEN
THOUGH
I KNEW
HER FEEL-
INGS...

I ACTED
LIKE I
DIDN'T
NOTICE.

TO GET
HER THE
MOST
DELICIOUS
CHOCO-
LATE!

OKAY!

I'LL DO
WHATEVER
I CAN...







HITOMI...

IF I WENT TO
SAKURAKAI
WITH YOU...
IT'D BE JUST
LIKE JUNIOR
HIGH AGAIN.

WE'D BE
BEST
FRIENDS...



I SKIPPED
PRACTICE
TODAY SO
I COULD
GIVE THIS
TO YOU!

WOULDN'T
YOU
GET IN
TROUBLE
WITH THE
COACH?

DON'T
WORRY
ABOUT
IT.

Ha
ha!



Ta-dah!

ANYWAY,
PRESENT
TIME!



JEEZ,
I SOUND
SO PETTY,
DON'T I?

OH!
SORRY
ABOUT
THAT!

JUMP

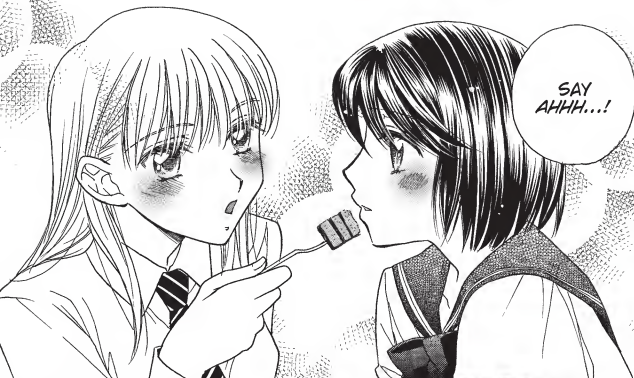


HAND
ME THE
KNIFE!

OH,
I'LL
CUT IT
FOR
YOU!



WELL,
THANKS!
I CAN'T
WAIT TO
EAT YOUR
HOME-
MADE...



SAY
AH...!



PUSH



IT'S
DELICIOUS!

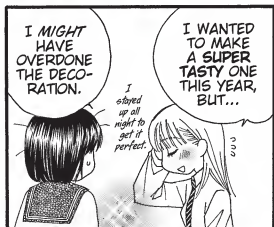
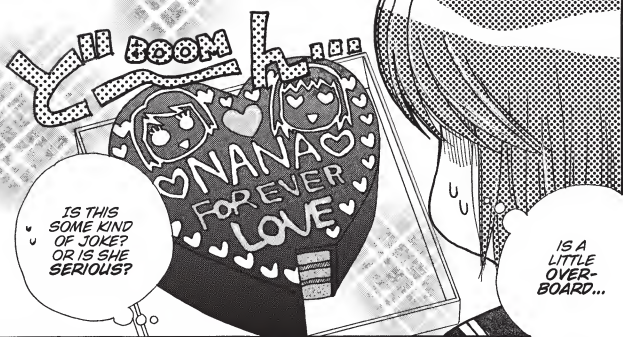
HOW
DOES IT
TASTE?

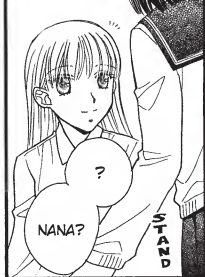
IS IT
GOOD?

THE
SWEET
TASTE OF
HITOMI'S
LOVE...

MELTED
IN MY
MOUTH...

BUT...
THIS...





STAND



SO...

HITOMI
THOUGHT
THEY
WERE
BITTER
BECAUSE
...



THANK
YOU SO
MUCH...

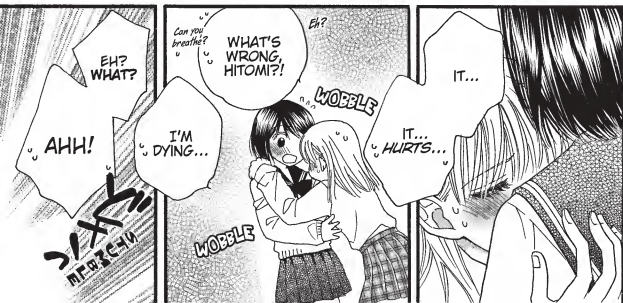
FOR
LOVING
ME...

ALL
THIS
TIME.

N-
NANA?

THANK
YOU FOR
GIVING
ME YOUR
LOVE.







DON'T SCARE ME LIKE THAT!

I'M SO HAPPY...

I COULD DIE!

HEY, NANA...

HM?

FOR FOR

DON'T BEAT YOURSELF UP OVER WHAT HAPPENED IN THE PAST.

!



KISS

In the bank?

THAT'S WHY WE'RE SO HAPPY NOW!

AND...

HAD YOU FELT THE SAME WAY ABOUT ME BACK THEN... WE WOULD HAVE GONE TO SAKURAKAI TOGETHER.



I LIKE TO THINK THAT, IN THE YEARS WE WERE APART, WE WERE SAVING UP OUR HAPPINESS.

BACK THEN WE BOTH STRUGGLED AND WENT THROUGH SOME PAINFUL TIMES...

BUT MEANWHILE, OUR JOY WAS GROWING IN THE BANK!



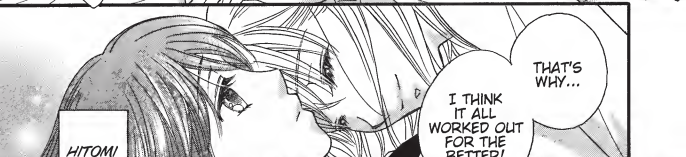
OUR
FRIENDS...
TEACHERS...

EVEN OUR
FAMILY...

BUT I
WOULDN'T
HAVE BEEN
ABLE TO HIDE
MY FEELINGS
FOR YOU
FROM THE
WORLD...

AND
EVERYONE
WOULD HAVE
FOUND OUT
ABOUT US.

.....!



THAT'S
WHY...

I THINK
IT ALL
WORKED OUT
FOR THE
BETTER!

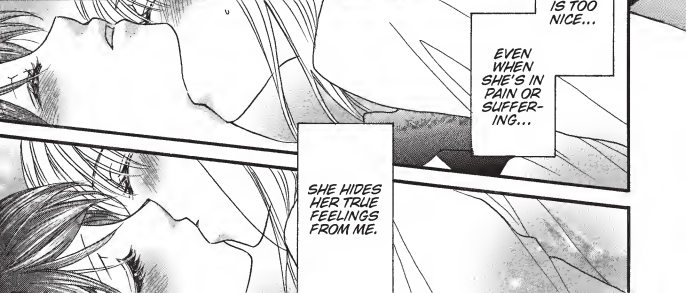
HITOMI!

...

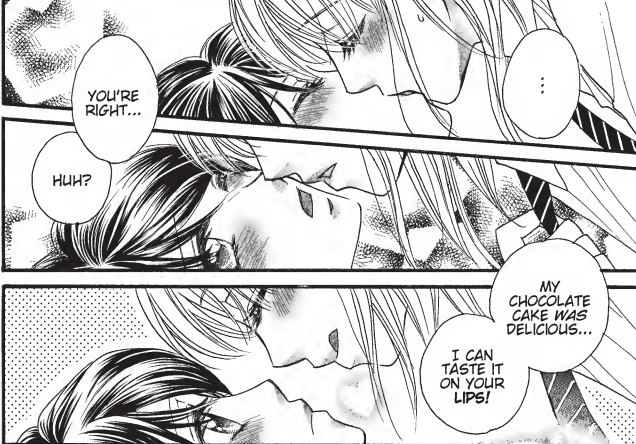


HITOMI
IS TOO
NICE...

EVEN
WHEN
SHE'S IN
PAIN OR
SUFFER-
ING...



SHE HIDES
HER TRUE
FEELINGS
FROM ME.



YOU'RE
RIGHT...

HUH?

MY
CHOCOLATE
CAKE WAS
DELICIOUS...

I CAN
TASTE IT
ON YOUR
LIPS!

I'm gonna
save the
chocolate
you gave
me, Nana.

What?
No, please
eat it!

What
if it
melts?

What?

Ehehe!

THIS
VALENTINE'S
DAY...

IS THE
BEST
ONE
YET!

HITOMI'S
CHOCOLATE
WILL NEVER
BE BITTER
AGAIN...

I'LL MAKE
SURE IT
STAYS
SWEET...
FOREVER.

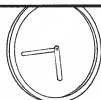
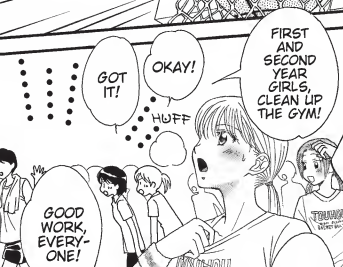
Please
eat it. I
fought
hard to
get it
for you...

True, I
don't want
to waste
it... ♡

But I wanna
save it as
a souvenir
of our first
Valentine's Day!

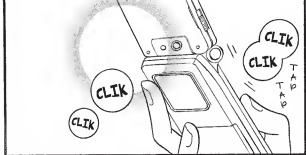
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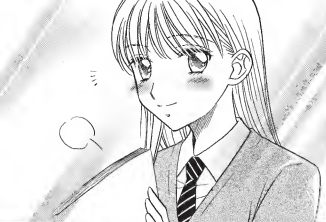
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THANK YOU VERY MUCH!





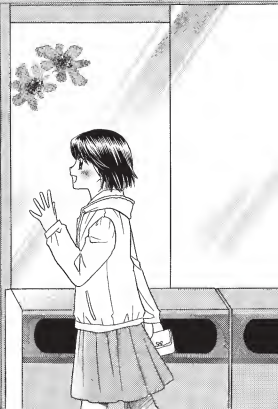


WHEN WE
BECAME
SECOND
YEAR
STUDENTS
...

SOMETIMES
WE DATED
IN THE
EVENING.

CHAPTER 7 WISH UPON A MOON

LAWSON

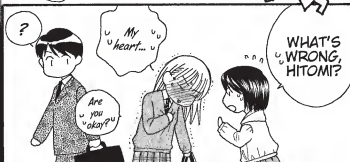




SO THE BASKETBALL TEAM HAS A BUNCH OF NEW MEMBERS?

HOW'S IT GOING?

WELL...



Must be nice to have teammates...

NIBBLE

I'M NOT IN ANY CLUBS...

MAYBE I SHOULD JOIN ONE.

Sounds tough...

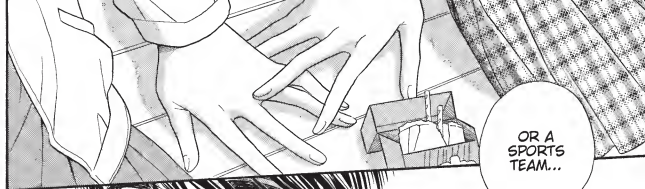
I THINK IT MIGHT BE TOO MUCH FOR SOME OF THE NEW GIRLS.

I SEE...

BUT WE PRACTICE ALL THE TIME, EVEN ON THE WEEK-ENDS.

THE GAMES AREN'T SO BAD...





OR A
SPORTS
TEAM...



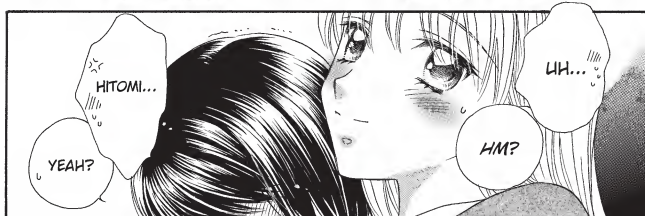
OR
SOME-
THING...



TWITCH



SLIDE

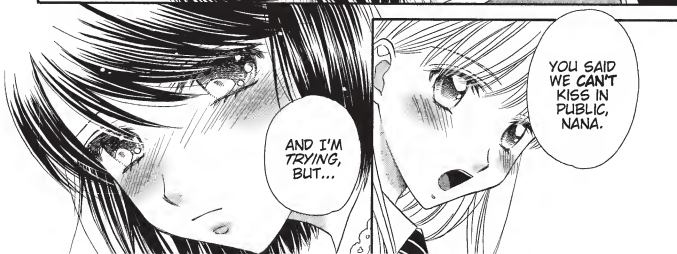


HITOMI...

YEAH?

HH...

HM?



AND I'M
TRYING,
BUT...

YOU SAID
WE CAN'T
KISS IN
PUBLIC,
NANA.



OH...
IT'S MY
MOM...

Ack!

SORRY!
I GOTTA
GO!



!!



Good
thing
no one
saw...

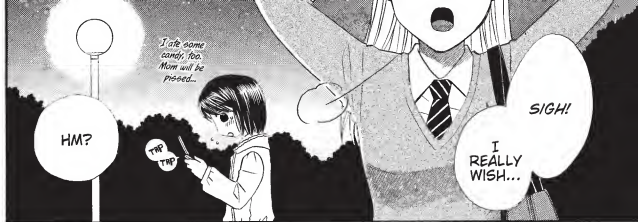
BUT...

BUT
WHEN
YOU
MAKE
THAT
FACE...

JEEZ,
HITOMI
...

Too
late.

HIDE







I na
guess
we can
try...

YOU'RE GOING TO
COME CHEER
FOR ME AT MY
NEXT GAME,
RIGHT?



I'M
KIDDING! I
WON'T QUIT
BASKET-
BALL.



OH YEAH!
YOU SHOULD
COME TO A
PRACTICE
SOMETIME!

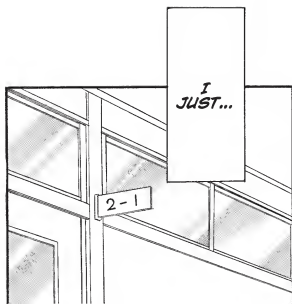
BUT I
THOUGHT
STUDENTS
FROM OTHER
SCHOOLS
WEREN'T
ALLOWED...

IF YOU
WEAR OUR
SCHOOL
UNIFORM
NO ONE
WILL
NOTICE.

I'LL
LEND
YOU MY
EXTRA
SET!

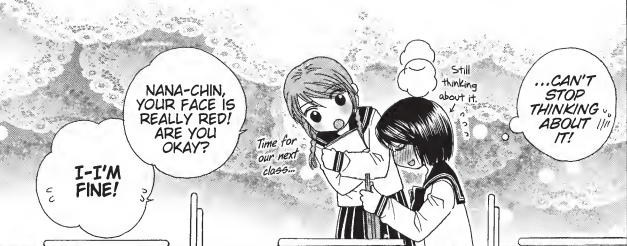
WHAT?
YOU'RE
SERIOUS?

"YOU'LL
BE THE
FIRST
THING
I SEE!"



I
JUST...

2-1



I-I'M FINE!

NANA-CHIN,
YOUR FACE IS
REALLY RED!
ARE YOU
OKAY?

Time for
our next
class...

Still
thinking
about it.

...CAN'T
STOP
THINKING
ABOUT
IT!



FOR A
LONG
TIME.

HITOMI'S
PROBABLY
BEEN
THINKING
ABOUT
THAT...

WHEN WE
GROW UP,
WE CAN
LIVE TO-
GETHER...
HUH...



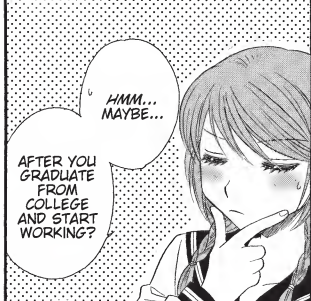
MY
HEART
STILL
WANTS
MORE.

WE'RE
LUCKY IF
ONE OF US
CAN SLEEP
OVER ON THE
WEEKENDS.

SEEING
EACH
OTHER
AT THE
BUS STOP
DROPPING
BY IN THE
EVEN-
INGS...

IT'S
NOT
ENOUGH.

COME TO
THINK OF
IT, WE'VE
NEVER
SPENT A
WHOLE DAY
TOGETHER
AS A
COUPLE...



HMM...
MAYBE...

AFTER YOU
GRADUATE
FROM
COLLEGE
AND START
WORKING?



HUH?

HEY,
ABE-
CHAN...
AT WHAT
AGE ARE
YOU CON-
SIDERED
AN ADULT?



SO
STUDY
HARD,
NANA!

YOU
DON'T
WANT TO
RETEST
AGAIN...

SHOCK

PAT
PAT

LET'S
FOCUS ON
HIGH SCHOOL
FIRST, OKAY?
EXAMS ARE
COMING UP!

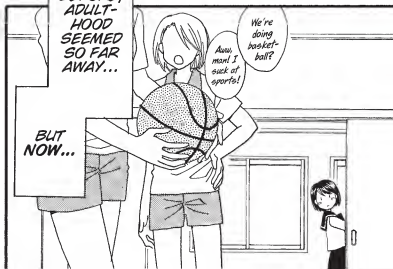
BUT...



NOW I
HAVE
SOME-
ONE TO
SHARE
THE
FUTURE
WITH.



I only
retested
once!

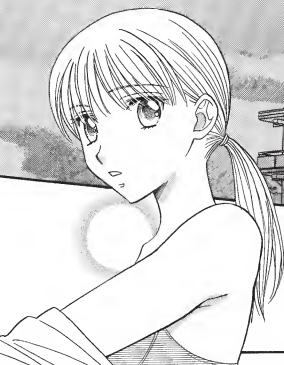


BEFORE,
ADULT-
HOOD
SEEMED
SO FAR
AWAY...

BUT
NOW...

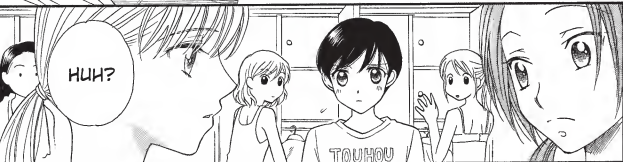
We're
doing
basket-
ball?

Aww,
man! I
suck at
sports!



FUJIMORI-
SEMPAI,
ARE YOU
LEAVING
EARLY
AGAIN?

WE'LL MAKE
PLANS FOR
THE FUTURE
TOGETHER.



HUH?

TOUHO



CHATTER
CHATTER

YEAH,
KAGAMI.
CHILL
OUT!

Oops...

I'm
sorry!!
Sempai!

Kagami,
you dork!

It's
not a
big deal!

I
GUESS I
HAVEN'T
HUNG OUT
WITH THEM
IN A
WHILE.



HEY,
KAGAMI...

FROWN

YOU'RE
THE ONLY
SEMPAI
WHO
DOESN'T
JOIN US.

WHEN
WE HANG
OUT AFTER
PRACTICE...



HITOMI
HAS STUFF
TO DO, SO
GIVE HER
A BREAK,
OKAY?

SO
WHAT?
HITOMI'S
NOT
OBLIGATED
TO HANG
OUT WITH
YOU GUYS!

YOU
SHOULD
SHOW
MORE
RESPECT
TO YOUR
SEMPAI!

Got
it?

Oh, I
get it!

KAGAMI,
YOU LIKE
FUJIMORI-
SEMPAI,
DON'T
YOU?

IT'S
TRUE!

Water ponu

WELL,
I'M FREE
TODAY...

SPLURT!

THAT'S
WHY YOU
WERE SO
UPSET...

Ah ha ha!

HEY!

SH-
SHUT
UP!

SO...

I'VE
BEEN
WANT-
ING...

TO
HANG
OUT...

That's
all.

ALIVE

LAST YEAR,
I SAW YOU
PLAY IN A
BASKETBALL
GAME...
YOU WERE
AMAZING!

I WAS
IMPRESSED
THAT YOU MADE
FIRST-STRING
EVEN THOUGH
YOU WERE JUST
A FIRST YEAR
STUDENT...

I JOIN-
ED THE
BASKETBALL
TEAM PARTLY
BECAUSE I
KNEW YOU'D
BE ON IT
TOO...

UH,
WELL, I
AM A BIT
OF A
FAN...

UM...



BUT
IF YOU
PRACTICE,
YOU CAN
MAKE FIRST-
STRING TOO,
KAGAMI-
SAN.

YOU'RE
ALREADY
BETTER
THAN I WAS
IN FIRST
YEAR!

OH...

THANKS!

Heh!



STOP
IT!!

DON'T BE
STUPID!

THAT'S
NASTY!

I'M NOT A
PERVERT!



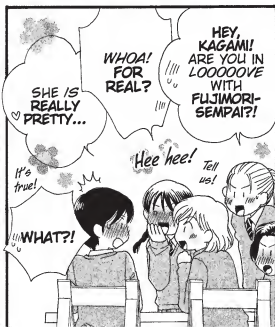
HAHA!
KAGAMI'S
EARS ARE
RED!!

Ahahaha!

NOT
EVEN
CLOSE!

N-NO,
I'M
NOT!

BLUSH



WHOA!
FOR
REAL?

SHE IS
REALLY
PRETTY...

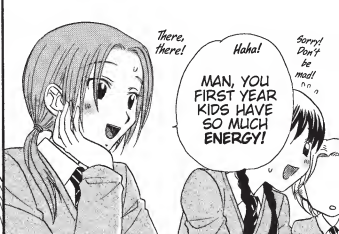
HEY,
KAGAMI!
ARE YOU IN
LOOOOOVE
WITH
FUJIMORI-
SEMPAI?!

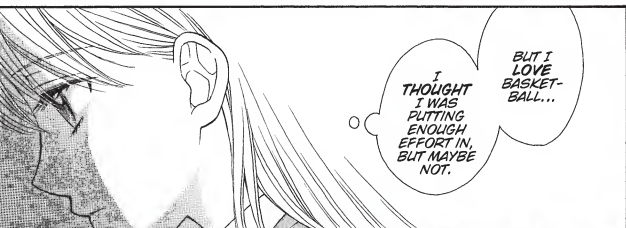
Hee hee!

Tell
us!

It's
true!

WHAT?!







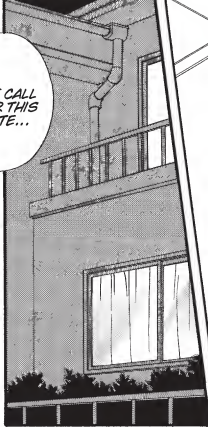
IF I CALL
HER THIS
LATE...

NANA WILL
PROBABLY
GET MAD
AT ME.

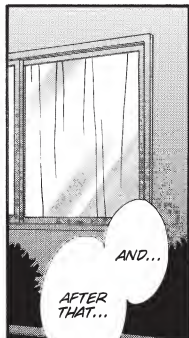


I CAN
SEE HER
TOMORROW
MORNING...

AND
THERE'S NO
PRACTICE
TOMORROW,
SO...

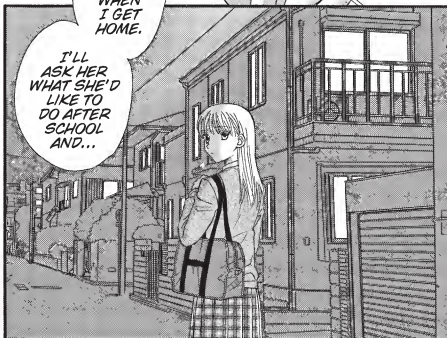


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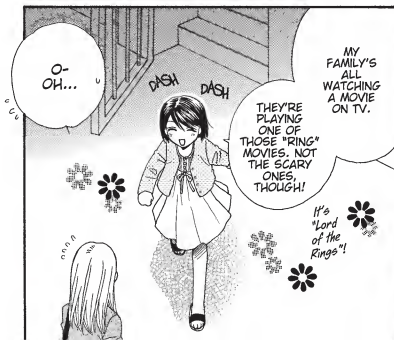
AND...

AFTER
THAT...



I'LL
TEXT
HER
WHEN
I GET
HOME.

I'LL
ASK HER
WHAT SHE'D
LIKE TO
DO AFTER
SCHOOL
AND...





WE COULD WATCH IT TOGETHER TOMORROW!

I THOUGHT YOU'D WANT TO SEE IT, SO I BOOK-MARKED THE VIDEO!

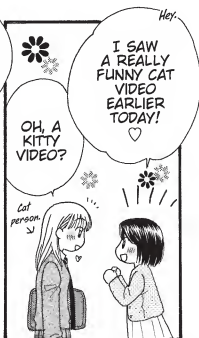


NO, I WON'T SAY WHAT HAPPENED NEXT!

WAIT!

IT WENT UNDER THE TABLE AND...

HUH?



OH, A KITTY VIDEO?

Hey.
I SAW A REALLY FUNNY CAT VIDEO EARLIER TODAY!
♡

Cat person. ♪



TO SEE ME SO LATE.

THANK YOU FOR COMING...

I WAS WORRIED.

BUT...



YOU HAVEN'T TEXTED ME YET...

SO I'M GLAD TO SEE YOU.

SQUEEZE

I SOMETIMES HAVE A DREAM...

WHERE
I GO TO
SCHOOL
AND
BASKET-
BALL
PRACTICE...

AND
LIVE A
NORMAL
LIFE.

BUT
THEN...

THAT IT'S
A DREAM.

NANA WENT
TO A DIFFERENT
HIGH SCHOOL...

AND I
REALIZE...

"WHERE'S
NANA?"

"NANA'S
ALWAYS
BY MY SIDE.
WHERE IS
SHE?"

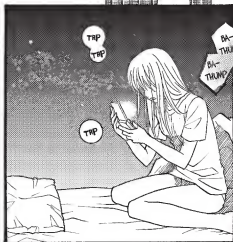
IF I HADN'T EXPRESSED MY FEELINGS
TO HER, I COULD'VE STAYED BY HER SIDE.

WHY DIDN'T I JUST KEEP
MY FEELINGS TO MYSELF?



I CAN'T
SEE NANA
ANYMORE.

NEVER... NOT FOR THE REST OF MY LIFE.



I
THOUGHT
I WAS
GOING
OUT WITH
NANA?

THEN I
WAKE
UP...



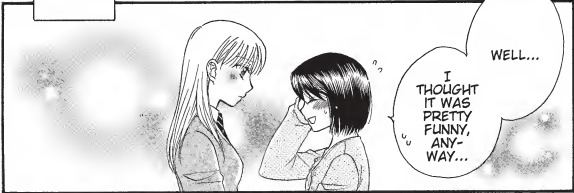
WHICH
IS REAL...
AND
WHICH
IS A DREAM?

AND
GET
CON-
FUSED
FOR A
MINUTE.



I CAN'T
EVER
SHARE
THIS
FEAR
WITH
NANA...

I CAN'T
EVER
LET HER
KNOW.



WELL...

I
THOUGHT
IT WAS
PRETTY
FUNNY,
ANY-
WAY...

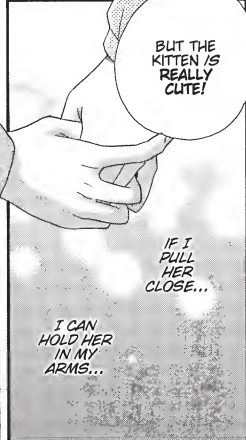


I SHOULD
SAVE
IT FOR
TOMORROW...



BUT
SOMETIMES
YOU HAVE
TO HOLD
BACK...

HUH?
WHAT
ARE YOU
TALKING
ABOUT?



BUT THE
KITTEN IS
REALLY
CUTE!

IF I
PULL
HER
CLOSE...

I CAN
HOLD HER
IN MY
ARMS...



Umm...!!!

YOU'LL
SEE...
TOMORROW.

SAVE
WHAT?
HITOMI?

SEE
WHAT?

I DON'T CARE IF IT'S NASTY.
IF IT'LL MAKE YOU SMILE...



I'M
GOING TO
SAVE TODAY'S
HUGS AND
KISSES...

AND GIVE
THEM ALL
TO YOU!

Just
wait!

I JUST
WANT THE
COURAGE
TO PROTECT
YOU FROM
NOW ON.

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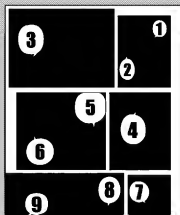
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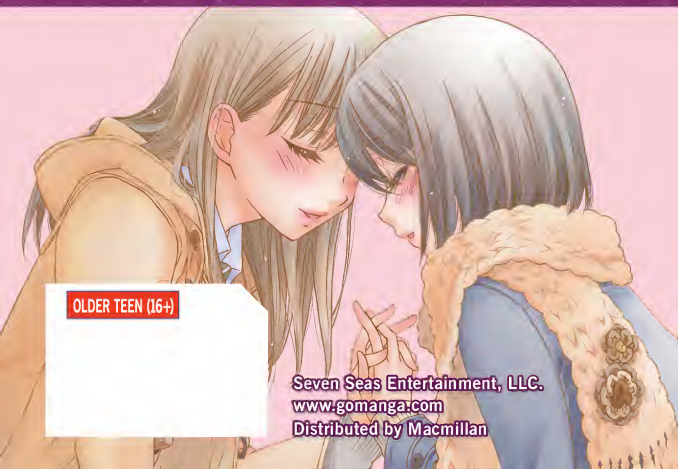
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